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Big crowd expected at annual VW event

THOUSANDS of camper
van fans are expected to
visit Oswestry this week-
end for the Bus Types VW
Show.

The weekend will bring
together some of the best
VW buses from all over
the UK at Oswestry Show-
ground. Last year's show
saw about 80,000 enthusi-
asts descend on the county
with buses of all forms and
styles.

The showground will
open from 2pm on Friday
for camping, with live bands
providing entertainment
during the afternoon and
evening.

Over Saturday and Sun-
day the arena will host
displays by VW bus clubs
from around the country
and displays of certain types
of buses, including split
screens, bay windows, T25s,
T4s and T5s, as well as by a
BMX display team.

Entertainment will carry
on outside the arena with
adult fun rides, three live
bands performing and
children entertainers and
activities around the show-
ground.

A new event for 2014 will
be a show and shine com-
petition with more than 30
trophies up for grabs over
the weekend. The competi-
tion will be open to all ve-
hicles in excellent condition,
whether stock or custom.

Memorial for town stalwart

A MEMORIAL service is
being organised in memory
of former Welshpool mayor
and Welsh FA president
Tegwyn Evans.

The service will take
place at the Welsh Chapel in
Welshpool on Sunday, April
27 at 2pm.

The founder of Welshpool
Printing Group died on Oc-
tober 8 last year. His funeral
service at St Mary's Church
was attended by hundreds
of mourners including sen-
ior Welsh FA officials and
Wales manager Chris Cole-
man.

REPORT SLATES TOWN'S SCHOOL

**A PRIMARY school has been placed
in special measures just two years
after it opened following criticism of
standards of teaching and achieve-
ment by inspectors.**

Ysgol y Waun in Chirk was visited by of-
ficials from Estyn, the Welsh equivalent of
Ofsted, who judged
that standards were
too low and that the
school's performance
unsatisfactory.

No-one from the school
was available to comment,
but a senior councillor at
Wrexham County Borough
Council said the issues
raised in the report would
be addressed as soon as po-
ssible.

The school opened in 2012
following the amalgamation
of the former infant and
junior school in Chirk and
was visited by inspectors in
February.

Standards

In her report, Estyn in-
spection team leader Re-
becca Lawton said: "Current
standards in the majority
of classes do not reflect the
outcomes of teacher assess-
ment data - they are much
lower. The wide variation in
the quality of planning and
teaching limits pupils' pro-
gress and achievement, es-
pecially in Key Stage Two."

She also noted that ar-
rangements to safeguard
pupils were "a cause for
concern".

The team of inspectors
agreed there were unsat-
isfactory prospects for
improvement as planned
actions are not monitored
and staff are not held ac-
countable for their areas of
responsibility.

A series of recommen-

dations were made by the
inspectors at the end of the
visit, including improving
the standards of planning,
teaching and pupil behav-
iour in KS2, raising stand-
ards in ICT, numeracy and
Welsh across the curricu-
lum and raising standards
achieved by more able stu-
dents.

School staff and governors
will now have to draw up an
action plan to improve the
areas highlighted by the re-
port. Progress will be mon-
itored on a termly basis by
Estyn.

While most areas of the
inspection found the school
to be unsatisfactory, the
inspectors did judge some
areas to be adequate, in-
cluding the range of ex-
tra-curricular activities
on offer, the school's links
with the local community,
church and council, and the
facilities at both sites of the
school.

Councillor Michael Wil-
liams, Wrexham Council's
lead member for children's
services and education,
said: "This is very disap-
pointing for the school and
we can assure everyone that
staff, governors, pupils and
parents we will be working
closely with the school to
ensure the issues raised by
Estyn are addressed."

Pylon protesters turn out in force



Protesters against pylons were out in force at The British Ironworks on Monday

MORE than 150 people joined a pro-
test against plans to put pylons across
the Oswestry countryside on Monday.

Young people were among those
protesting at the British Ironworks
Centre when Clive Knowles, chairman
of the company, said the pylons would
have an horrendous impact on tourism
in the area.

His land will be hit by the plans.
Pylons will be built across swathes
of countryside if National Grid builds
a link from windfarms in Mid Wales to
the National Grid at Lower Frankton,
near Ellesmere.

Mr Knowles said: "The protest went

extremely well and we were very well
supported by youth from The Centre
in Oswestry who brought banners
along. We were very grateful for their
support. It was the first protest that
we've staged in order to start to raise
greater awareness of the pylons com-
ing across Shropshire, which will de-
finitely effect the beauty of Shropshire
and impact on tourism. It's absolutely
horrendous."

The British Ironworks Centre has
plans to open a new 70-acre sculpture
park on land between its site off the
A5 and Queens Head after gaining
more than 20 sculptures from the Mu-

seum of Iron sculpture in Ironbridge
when it closed last year.

But Mr Knowles said if the pylons
go ahead then it could have a severe
impact on the success of the sculpture
park and of other tourist attractions
along the route of the power line.

A protest meeting organised by the
British Ironworks Centre will be held
at Oswestry Golf Club on the A5 on
May 21 at 7pm.

Members of the Alliance Against
Pylons, Shropshire North Against Py-
lons, and Montgomeryshire Against
Pylons will be at the meeting.

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Warning on votes following straw poll

CAMPAIGNERS against
plans to build homes near
the base of an Iron Age hill-
fort have warned local coun-
cillors that they could lose
their seats if they support
the scheme.

A poll carried out by the
Hands Off Old Oswestry
Hillfort campaign group
revealed that more than 99
per cent would not be put-
ting their cross against can-
didates that had backed the
proposals to build homes in
the area when local elections
are held.

The street poll was car-
ried out among more than
100 people in Oswestry town
centre over the weekend by
members of the group.

Campaigner Kate Clarke
said: "We asked members
of the public if they would
vote for a candidate who
had supported the hillfort
housing proposals, and the
immediate and almost over-
whelming response was 'no'.
"People feel that strongly
about this issue and about
the fact that public opin-
ion against the proposals
is being flatly ignored by
Shropshire Council."

"It was a simple straw poll
to see what people's feel-
ings are towards councillors who
have been known to support
the housing proposals near
the hillfort."

"The initial response was
quite overwhelming really."

Watchdog in plea for help

PATIENTS from the Welsh-
pool area who have lodged
complaints against the NHS
in Wales are being urged to
share their experiences of
the system with a health
watchdog.

Montgomeryshire Com-
munity Health Council said
it wants to find out if the
process is being fully ex-
plained.

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Jacob Owen from Welshpool who has won a music competition. Turn to page 9

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Tourism is under threat from traffic light chaos

by Andrew Morris

THE number of temporary traffic lights on the roads of Mid Wales will put people off visiting the area, a councillor has warned.

Councillor Gwynfor Thomas, Powys Council member for Llansantffraid, said some sets of lights are left up for 10 days or more - even though work is not being carried out.

Charity match for prostate cancer

A charity football match will be held at the TNS football club, Oswestry, on June 15, to raise money for prostate cancer.

Soccerfest Charity Cup 2014, Men United v Prostate Cancer has been organised in association with Morgan's or Oswestry and The New Saints Community Foundation to coincide with Fathers' Day.

The organisers have invited local businesses, at a cost of £100 each, to take part in a 'Mini 5 A Side World Cup'.

Martin Cap, the owner of Morgans of Oswestry, said: "The event will be a great day out, with plenty going on for all the family, including: a bouncy castle, a play area, face painting, a penalty shoot out, bowling, a soft play area for younger children and more to be announced."

Anyone wishing to take part or wanting more information should contact Paul Rowney on (01691) 671489 or email pr@morgansltd.com.

Councillor Thomas said he fears the situation will put off people from visiting the area as the busy summer season approaches.

He said he had seen roadworks with temporary traffic lights set up and then left until the work could be carried out days later.

He said: "Something which I think needs looking at is how we manage roadworks with temporary traffic lights, certainly in the north of the county."

"You have one person come and look at the area, then they set up the roadworks, then someone comes and puts traffic lights up, then they seem to leave it and come back days later and do the work."

"I have seen them there for up to 10 days at a time and I don't think it gives out the right kind of message."

"People can put up with the temporary lights if there are workmen there getting the job done, they see that and appreciate it needs to be done."

"With the busy summer season coming up we don't want to put people off visiting the area."

Mr Richard Hobbs, Powys County Council's head of highways, said it was something the council had little control over.

He said: "It is something we have very little control over and the work can take as long as they take to complete."

Minister's praise for town council



From left, MP Owen Paterson, Oswestry mayor, Chris Schofield, council leader, Malcolm Pate and councillor Keith Barrow

OSWESTRY Town Council has been praised by the secretary of state for the Environment for 'stepping up to the plate' when the borough council was dissolved in favour of a unitary authority.

North Shropshire MP, Owen Paterson, was guest speaker at the council's mayoral dinner held at the Wynnstay Hotel, Oswestry on Friday night.

He said that the council was the hub of not only the town, but the local area, facilitating meetings for other parish councils and events such as the Oswestry Health meeting, which

he chairs. "There were worries when the Oswestry Borough Council went to make way for the unitary authority," Mr Paterson said.

"But I believe the change has been good for the area. Shropshire Council now has the 'clout' of a big authority while Oswestry Town Council has stepped up to the plate to play a crucial role in local government."

Mayor of Oswestry, Councillor Chris Schofield, said the council was proud to be part of the Oswestry Health Group.

"It is a ground breaking initiative bringing together all the various

health providers. I know it is a model that other towns are looking at with envy."

He said that one of the highlights of his mayoral year had been the start of work for the Smithfield development.

"This follows years of negotiations, tough decisions and controversy. But at the end of the day Oswestry needs new facilities, and the cinema and restaurants will be an attraction to our wider area and to our younger generation and families. This investment is also needed in the Smithfield and agricultural industry."

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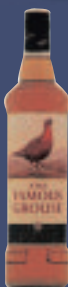
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Railway is planning lots of fun for Easter

NOSTALGIC events will be running on a tourist railway line this weekend.

The Welshpool & Llanfair Light Railway will be welcoming children who visit the line with an Easter gift.

From Friday to Monday, all children travelling on the line will receive a free Easter Egg and between Saturday and Monday two trains will be in operation, ensuring everyone visiting will have plenty of opportunity to take a steam-hauled ride along the Banwy Valley.

The line will also be running every day through the rest of the Easter school holidays to April 27, with the exception of April 25. It will then settle down to its traditional early-season weekend service through May, though trains will also run on the Mayday bank holiday.

The Llanfair Line opened its new season on Saturday, following the busy winter months of essential maintenance carried out by staff and volunteers.

Andrew Charman, railway spokesman, said: "Work carried out on the line included relaying of the track in several locations, renewing two points at Tannan sheds and Cyfrnydd station, and putting right some minor damage caused by the bad weather at the start of the year."

Friends look for swimmers

OSWESTRY Orthopaedic Hospital's League of Friends group are looking for swimmers to take part in a fundraising challenge.

The sponsored swim will take place on June 27 and people are asked to contact (01691) 404401 for more details.

Pylons protesters have plan for giant sculpture

SCULPTURES should be used to carry electricity lines to the national network if they cross land where a display of iron statues is planned, according to the businessman behind the project.

Clive Knowles, who runs the British Ironworks Centre at Aston, near Oswestry, said he had made an offer to National Grid to create a giant stag sculpture to carry overhead lines across his company's land.

And he says he will block plans for pylons on his land.

He said he had been told National Grid wanted to set up a "monstrous latticework pylon" in the middle of the tourist attraction next to the A5 to carry cables from windfarms in Mid Wales to the main electricity network.

Another option put forward by Mr Knowles was to run cables underground in the area to prevent them from affecting the landscape near his land.

Similar proposals to use sculptures to carry electricity cables have been used in countries such as Sweden and Iceland.

Mr Knowles said: "To have the land here, to have the metalwork experts here and the museum of sculpture which we're going to create, and to have the desire and the drive to do the project without asking for a penny from anyone else, and then to be told that you're going to have a monstrous latticework pylon in the middle of it is unbelievable."

"What we are saying is that National Grid is not going to be permitted to come across here. No matter how many people we have to raise in order to support this we will not allow the pylons to come across the national sculpture park."

"We have also suggested that the British Ironworks Centre could create a giant

by Pam Kingsley

stag sculpture which could carry the overhead line in its antlers. This is something which has been done in Sweden. It is disappointing that, so far, the energy company has not supported any of our suggestions."

Mr Knowles made the comments as 150 people turned out at the centre for a protest on Monday.

A protest meeting organised by the British Ironworks Centre will be held at Oswestry Golf Club on the A5 on May 21 at 7pm. Members of the Alliance Against Pylons, Shropshire North Against Pylons, and Montgomeryshire Against Pylons will be at the meeting.

Mr Knowles said: "We're just starting now to show National Grid the strength of feeling about not running rough-shod across everyone in Shropshire and they need to work with all the properties affected, and one of those is here."

"We want to protect the unspoilt beauty of this county for future generations. The young people from Oswestry youth centre, were brilliant at the demonstration here. They created their own banners in their own style graffiti street style and joined 60 of our own staff."



Clive Knowles with some of the protestors against pylons who turned up at The British Ironworks Centre

Lottery funding will save paintings

HISTORIC, 19th century wall paintings in a church near Oswestry will be preserved thanks to heritage lottery funding.

The £40,000 Heritage Lottery Fund will help to save the paintings in St Michael's Church in Llanfyllid.

The Grade One listed church will now get involved in an interpretation project of the architecture and decorative artwork.

Church Warden, Roger Taylor, said: "We are relieved and grateful to the Heritage Lottery Fund and the Shropshire Historic Churches Trust for their

support. This is a major boost to our plans to extend access to our church in order that many more people may have the opportunity to enjoy its unique gifts."

Preserve

"This exciting new project will not only preserve a decorative scheme of significant local heritage value but as a new participant in the Churches Tourism movement, St Michael's will also provide interpretation of the architecture and decorative artwork."

Mr Taylor said that St Michael's

Church was an undiscovered gem with an intriguing history that reached back 1700 years.

"Its latest reincarnation dates from the mid-1800s when the heir to a local family, the Parkers of Sweeney Hall, took on the challenge of restoration and enlargement of the little church as well as its decoration."

"This is one of very few churches in the country where the original design, rebuild and decorative works are still intact. Conservation of the extensive wall painting scheme completes this astounding legacy."

NEWS in brief

Your chance to take up bowling

WELSHPOOL'S crown green bowlers are about to get the new season under way and club officials are appealing for new members.

The Victoria Bowling Club will start the 2014 season in May with a new look after a big improvement programme carried out by Powys County Council, Welshpool Town Council and Powis Estate.

"We have a new entrance and car park and are really looking forward to getting the season started," said chairman Derek Groombridge.

"We do need more members though. Anyone interested will be welcomed."

Anyone interested in taking up crown green bowls can call 01938 558824.

Arson suspected in separate blazes

FIREFIGHTERS were called out to tackle three suspected arson attacks that all started within half an hour of each other in Oswestry on Sunday.

The first call in Oswestry was at 5.03pm yesterday in Gower Place where a large wheelie bin was ablaze.

Just 28 minutes later a fire crew from Oswestry was again called out to put out blazing rubbish and mattresses off Maesbury Road. Firefighters then dealt with a tree stump and undergrowth found on fire in Twyford Lane, Queens Head, two minutes later.

Firefighters tackle dishwasher blaze

FIREFIGHTERS had to pull a dishwasher out of a house after it caught fire on Monday.

The dishwasher was being used in a home at The Cross, Gobowen, when it caught fire at about 12.30pm.

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Councillor vents fury as one-way pledge not met

By Andrew Morris

CHANGES to a controversial one-way system are needed urgently before someone is seriously injured, a councillor has warned.

Councillor Ann Holloway, Welshpool town and county councillor, said long-awaited tweaks to the town's road system which were agreed last year have still not been made.

She called on Powys County Council to carry out the work as soon as possible to avoid a serious accident happening in the town.

Richard Hobbs, the authority's head of highways, said the changes are expected to be brought in in the near future.

The system has been responsible for a number of bumps and incidents of people driving the wrong way since its launch in February 2011.

At a meeting last October, members of Powys County Council's Montgomeryshire committee agreed to make a number of changes to the system.

The changes include the introduction of an improved pedestrian crossing by the Spar shop in Church Street, a yellow box at the Mill Lane/Brook Street/Church Street junction and the possibility of enhanced pedestrian crossings on Broad Street and High Street.

At the time councillors voted in favour of bringing the changes in as soon as possible.

Councillor Holloway said: "The one-way system changes agreed by the Montgomeryshire Committee last year still have not been done and it is absolutely disgraceful. I am sick of it, the tweaks have not been made and a great number of people in this town are in despair over it.

"If some Powys County Council officers came out with me they could see what it is like. It is dangerous and I want it sorted as soon as possible. It is a matter of time before someone gets seriously hurt."

Further scientific tests are now being carried out to help determine its age but there is no guarantee of being able to establish a precise date.

"The skull is thought to be that of an adult male and may have been brought to this location from elsewhere," he said.

Shocked members of a pheasant shoot made the macabre discovery on land on Sweeney Mountain last November.

West Mercia Police said detailed forensic tests had not provided any answers so far. "Carbon dating on the skull has proved inconclusive," spokesman, Richard Ewels said.

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Film in historic lime kiln



Visitors at the unusual cinema in Llanymynech

IT brought a whole new meaning to the term underground cinema.

An ancient lime kiln was turned into a cinema for the day to commemorate the 100th anniversary of its closure.

Hundreds of visitors ventured inside the historic Hoffmann kiln in Llanymynech, near Oswestry - one of only three left in the county - to watch The Chaplin Revue, as the comedian's Little Tramp also reaches its centenary this year.

Joan Zorn, from the Llmeys - friends of the Llanymynech Limeworks and Heritage Area - said visitors to the heritage area enjoyed the experience of watching the film in such an unusual venue.

"It was fantastic. The film went down really well. It's a super building, and showing a film in there was quite atmospheric," she said.

"It was a lovely day and we lost count of the number of people who came along."

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Hospital awards building contract

OSWESTRY Orthopaedic Hospital has appointed a contractor to build its new £14million operating theatre development and tumour unit.

Kier Health will build the major new development alongside the main entrance of the specialist hospital in Gobowen.

Hospital chief executive Wendy Farrington Chadd said: "This is a major development for Oswestry and will ensure that we stay at the leading edge in providing care for patients.

"We look forward to working with Kier on this exciting development."

The new theatre development will integrate into the existing main theatre suite to provide the modular day surgery theatres. It will include a high dependency unit, an admission on day of surgery unit and four new clean air theatres. The hi-tech HEPA ventilation system in the clean air theatres will filter the air. The system is already in use in the hospital, helping the infection rate at the hospital to be one of the lowest in the country.

A new dedicated bone cancer centre with inpatient and clinic facilities and a flexible multi-use ward will be built on the first floor.

Changes to tourism support welcomed

AN organisation which represents 600 tourism businesses in Mid and South Wales has welcomed in principle a shake-up of changes to the way tourism is supported across the country.

The Welsh Assembly has announced it will oversee the demise of Tourism Partnerships across the country from September 30.

By Andrew Morris

Anne Lloyd-Jones, chairman of Mid Wales Tourism, said that while full details had not been unveiled she hoped it would lead to a stronger tourism body in the country.

The changes, announced by Edwina Hart, minister for economy, science and transport, will see the demise of the the tourism partnerships later this year.

Instead, the Welsh Assembly will strengthen links between tourism businesses and Visit Wales - its tourism arm.

Mrs Lloyd-Jones said: "While welcoming the minister's announcement about simplifying the structure of tourism support in Wales and strengthening the links between tourism businesses and Visit Wales, we don't yet know how the changes are going to impact the tourism industry in Mid Wales.

"Mid Wales Tourism

pledges to support the Tourism Partnership Mid Wales during the transition period and we look forward to working with Visit Wales' new regional engagement team in the future to ensure that the tourism industry in our region continues to prosper."

In her announcement, Mrs Hart said the change was key to "facilitate partnership working and support more effective delivery of programmes and projects with increased accountability on what is being delivered at a local level."

She added: "The announcement is an exciting opportunity for us to look again at how tourism is supported on a regional level. This new model will provide a simplified regional structure, focused on delivering Wales' national tourism strategy."

Hospital staff menu launch



Tanzy Roberts in the staff restaurant

A hospital which has won top marks for its patient food has turned its attention to its menu for staff and visitors.

Prawn and tomato tagliatelle and leek and bacon risotto are just two of the dishes to tickle the tastebuds along with the more traditional, gammon, egg and pineapple.

In the 2013 National Inpatient Survey published by the Care Quality Commission Oswestry, the Orthopaedic Hospital was given the top score for food.

Hot on the heels of its success the hospital has now launched a new seasonal menu at Denbigh's visitor and staff restaurant.

Tanzy Roberts, chef at Denbigh's restaurant, which is popular with employees and all those visiting the hospital has been influential in creating the new healthy spring and summer menu.

Tanzy, who has worked at the hospital for eight months, said that she found being a chef at the Orthopaedic rewarding.

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FEATURE & COMMENT

BREEZE ABOUT TOWN

An Oswestry businessman wants to erect a massive sculpture to carry power lines over his property.

On the face of it you would say it's an absolutely crazy idea but on the other hand what a wonderful spectacle it would be on the approach to Oswestry from the Midlands.

Clive Knowles, the brains behind the very successful British Ironworks at Aston on the A5 approach to Oswestry, is a man noted for coming up with zany ideas.

But his offer to erect a massive sculpture of a stag to carry the line across his land instead of pylons would certainly capture the imagination.

It's not a new idea, there are other examples in Europe, but so far his offer has fallen on deaf ears at the National Grid.

The Knowles family moved to Oswestry from the Midlands and have created a fantastic business. Apart from creating employment their many brilliant sculptures have really put Oswestry on the map and they have generously donated many of their creations to the town.

Now power companies plan to erect a monstrous latticework pylon in the middle of the tourist attraction to carry cables from windfarms in Mid Wales to the main electricity network.

Mr Knowles is right when he says this will ruin his business and who could blame him for turning his back on the town.

There has to be another way and if it's not Mr Knowles's brilliant idea of a giant stag then it has to be underground cables. You get the feeling Mr Knowles is up for the fight.

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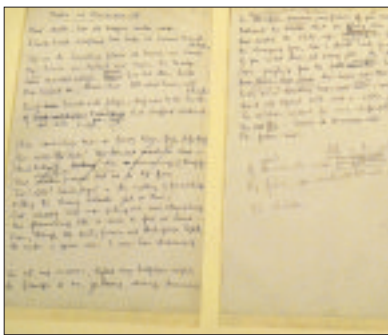
This week we were told there is very little hope that potholes in Powys will be filled in the near future as the county council struggles to cope with over 3,500 miles of damaged roads.

Severe winters have certainly left a toll on the road network and it's bad enough being a car driver so I dread to think what it's like for the poor cyclist and motorcyclist.

The rest of Europe suffered similar weather but on a couple of recent trips I have not seen the same damage as we have here. The council simply has to find the resource to carry out repairs or Powys will become a no-go area.

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What really wound me up this week was seeing a man drinking alcohol on a bench in Welshpool and then throwing the empty can onto the street. It gets under my skin to see people treat our town in such a disrespectful way.



In his own hand... Owen's most famous work, Dulce et Decorum Est, with crossings out



This picture of a large army post office in London is one of the exhibits



Dr Matt Thompson looks at one of the items on display at the exhibition

Original of Wilfred Owen poem is the star exhibit

Poet's manuscript is star of the show as "Last Post" exhibition attract crowds - Toby Neal reports

AN original manuscript of the most famous poem by Oswestry's Great War poet Wilfred Owen is a highlight of a poignant new exhibition which tells the story of an often overlooked aspect of the conflict - the role of the postal service and postal workers.

The handwritten copy of Dulce et Decorum Est, complete with crossings out and amendments, is showcased along with an original manuscript of a lesser-known Owen poem, called The Letter, in the exhibition called Last Post, which is a partnership between Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust and the British Postal Museum & Archive.

The free exhibition is at the Coalbrookdale Gallery, next to Enginuity in Coalbrookdale. It was opening last Friday and will run until March 27, 015.

The exhibition is part of commemorations marking the centenary of the outbreak of the Great War and the poems by Owen, who was killed in action just days before the end of the conflict, have been loaned by the British Library.

Dr Matt Thompson, senior curator of the Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust, said: "Dulce et Decorum Est, which everybody will have studied at school, is a hugely important piece of literature. There are several versions in existence as he redrafted and revised the poem. It's an incredibly powerful element to the exhibition and to have that here, in his hand, is something.



Chris Taft prepares for the exhibition at Coalbrookdale Gallery

"Wilfred Owen was Shropshire-born and it's fantastic to be able to make that very strong link between Shropshire and this national and international story.

"It's an unusual exhibition with some very powerful stories. If you think in terms of the battlefield will, for instance, this was the kind of letter nobody wanted to receive, scrawled on a piece of paper with a stub of a pencil by a soldier before going over to the top, and beginning 'in the event of my death...' There are examples of those.

"We have some specific Shropshire elements. The story is really all about the role of the postal service in the First World War, but also the post office workers who joined up. There was a whole regiment - the Post Office Rifles.

"It tells of the role of post office communications in the war, of those work-

ing in the postal service, and of those who signed up. We have a series of panels which have all these stories represented and some really startling images which people will not necessarily have seen before in books because of their very specific nature. We have some really nice hand-tinted lantern slides. We think of the past in terms of black and white. It isn't the case. While these images are in a sense ghostly, they bring that element of reality."

The Ironbridge museum has been working with the postal museum for about five years, and there is already a Museum of the Post Office in the Community at Blists Hill Victorian Town, which Dr Thompson described as a "hidden gem".

Chris Taft, of the British Postal Museum & Archive, said: "The story of the role that the post office played in the

First World War hasn't been that widely told. It's our job really to tell that story."

He said the original manuscript of Dulce et Decorum Est had been initially sent by Owen to his mother.

Mr Taft said: "The other poem, called The Letter, is a nice poem told from the perspective of a soldier who writes back home to his wife and during the writing of the letter there are explosions and he is mortally wounded. At the end of the letter he asks his comrade to take over the writing of the letter for him. It's a very touching poem."

Among the items in the display are letters sent home by soldiers, a copy of the original telegram about the cessation of hostilities in 1918, various artifacts, and a field telephone, together with rare images both from the trenches, with soldiers writing and receiving mail, and from the Home Front.

Wilfred Owen was an English poet whose work was characterised by his anger at the cruelty and waste of war, which he experienced during service on the Western Front.

Wilfred Edward Salter Owen was born on March 18, 1893 in Oswestry. After school he became a teaching assistant and in 1913 went to France for two years to work as a language tutor.

In 1915 he returned to England to enlist in the army and was commissioned into the Manchester Regiment. After spending the remainder of the year training in England, he left for the western front early in January 1917.

After experiencing heavy fighting, he was diagnosed with shellshock. He was evacuated to England and arrived at Craiglockhart War Hospital near Edinburgh in June.

There he met the poet Siegfried Sassoon, who already had a reputation as a poet and shared Owen's views. Sassoon agreed to look over Owen's poems, gave him encouragement and introduced him to literary figures such as Robert Graves.

WORKING FOR YOU



Glyn Davies MP

A fierce war of words has broken out between the UK and Welsh Governments about the delivery of healthcare in Wales since devolution.

The Prime Minister and Secretary of State for Health have been particularly scathing. In response, the First Minister of Wales has dismissed the words of David Cameron and Jeremy Hunt as unjustified and an attempt to divert attention from failings by the Westminster based Government.

Inevitably there's much confusion about what's true. So let's consider what's been happening.

Firstly, there's the NHS budget in England. Since the Coalition Government took power in 2010, the NHS budget has been protected, increasing only by the rate of inflation.

This represents the toughest budget settlement since the NHS was established in 1948, since when the health budget has increased on average by 4% above inflation every year. It's been mighty tough on our NHS.


But in Wales the Welsh Government decides what proportion of its 'Block Grant' to set aside for the Welsh NHS. This 'Block Grant' is calculated pro-rata on a population basis of what is spent on devolved services in England.

It would be reasonable to suppose that the Welsh NHS budget would have increased by inflation as well. But over the last 4 years, the Welsh Government has given less priority to the Welsh NHS and reduced its budget by 8%.

The Welsh Government has also decided to make prescriptions free to all. As surely as night follows day, these decisions have led to major financial problems in Wales.

Devolution was not meant to create an iron curtain between NHS services in England and Wales. The NHS is a great British institution where dedicated doctors and nurses serve the people. Cross-border name calling helps no-one.

I was shocked last week to hear two Labour MPs make untrue accusations about Shrewsbury and Telford Hospitals. What the people deserve is grown up politicians focussing on delivering the best possible NHS.



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A: Before you can assign the lease for the premises you will probably need to get the consent of the landlord. Under the terms of a standard lease the landlord cannot 'unreasonably' withhold consent; it is normally the case that he or she can impose certain conditions, so it would be wise to seek proper legal advice about your specific lease.

The landlord will want to know that the proposed new tenant is financially viable before agreeing to let him take over the lease and may request proof including accounts, together with business, personal and sometimes bank references. The landlord will probably also want to run a credit check, which he may require you to pay for. Additionally he may request a deposit or a guarantee if the new tenant is a limited company

If the lease began prior to 1st January 1996, irrespective of whether you may have taken it on after that date, you will be liable to the landlord for all future payments under that lease even if the lease is assigned to someone else. If the lease began after 1st January 1996 you will probably still be required to guarantee payments by the person to whom you have assigned the lease under an authorised guarantee agreement

For the assignment of the lease you, your landlord and the proposed new assignee will each need separate legal representation, and it would be usual for you to be responsible for payment of fees in respect of yours and your landlord's solicitors.

Further information relating to this question is available from Eliot Hibbert, a partner with GHP Legal.

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Leaflet is a load of political claptrap

I WAS recently handed a campaign leaflet for the upcoming European elections. It claimed that 28,000 Shropshire jobs depended on our membership of the EU. Claptrap. The EU is not a closed trading association; in any Chinese products in our shops lately?

If we were to leave the EU it does not mean that the rest of the EU would stop trading with us or vice versa; to suggest as much is obvious nonsense and amounts to scaremongering.

So why would any politician indulge in this deception? Well, there's the generous salary and expense account that goes with the job of MEP of course. In addition, if you happen to be a farmer as well, you get to milk the CAP funds for a hefty grant on every hectare you own. In some cases this amounts to a banker's bonus every year on top of your taxpayer funded salary and expenses.

The EU does not create wealth, it destroys it; it sucks the lifeblood out of innovators and entrepreneurs, it destroys culture, it distorts markets and production, it creates social upheaval and conflict, it supports corruption (EU accounts haven't been passed by the auditors for over a decade). Ask the Greeks, Spaniards, Irish and Portuguese what the EU has done for them.

It is a Titanic that was crippled from the start, a failed experiment.
JOHN SOLL
Shrewsbury

Honesty is a drawback

I ALWAYS believed that my parents did very well bringing up me, my four brothers and five sisters to be honest, truthful, hard-working, law-abiding citizens.

I now believe these virtues are more of a drawback in the 21st century.

They prevent me from getting a job as a politician for instance - where in that place have you heard or seen examples of fair, just, reputable, honourable, plain-speaking or trustworthy.

BOB WYDELL
Oswestry

Polio will affect Syria for decades

I WAS deeply saddened to hear Syria is now facing further woe in the form of Polio outbreaks.

The BBC reported how a mother wept for her five month old baby son who could be paralysed for the rest of his life. This little boy is one of 25 officially confirmed cases, although experts believe there may be hundreds more.

This is terrible news and the saddest thing of all is that in 1999 Syria was declared Polio free - it is the war and chaos that comes with it that has allowed Polio to return.

In July 2013 the first case of paralysis from Polio was officially diagnosed and fears that this appalling condition had returned to Syria were confirmed. Since the war began the vaccination rates amongst Syria's children have fallen to 68%, a truly worrying level.

It was uplifting to hear that UN agencies are planning to vaccinate a further 22 million children but I fear that lasting damage has already been done. Polio is a disease that can affect a nation for decades. Britain has been declared free of Polio for many years now but we are still living with the effects.

The British Polio Fellowship is here to help thousands of British people living with the late effects of Polio and Post Polio Syndrome (PPS).

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TED HILL,
CEO, The British Polio Fellowship

Blame is not down to young of today

SOMEONE asked me the other day what I thought of the younger generation, I presume he expected me to run them down.

Well if their standards of behaviour and discipline are appalling the blame lies squarely with older generations. After all who do they take after, the swinging sixties.

We are the ones who let libertarian politicians relax the rules so that anything goes as long as you enjoy it. Mary Whitehouse was mocked, now we are reaping what we sowed.

Girls are molested are afraid to protest, thousands are raped and emotionally scarred for life, while there are so many rapists and perverts that police can't cope and courts administer a slap on the wrist.

Children from broken homes are bound to grow up damaged.

Sir Alex Fergusson was grateful to the schoolteacher who taught him discipline with the help of a cane.

Now you can't say boo to the kids, don't you dare touch them.

A happy and prosperous country depends on the values of decency and discipline.

RON JONES
St Martins

Climate is unsettled

IN 1976 it was hot and sunny for a few weeks, the like of which has not been seen before or since.

Water supplies were short. The blame was pinned on global warming and those "cautious beings" said that this was the shape of things to come.

We were told that we would be greatly affected by drought and heat. It hasn't happened.

The climate scientists need to wake up to the fact that the climate is unpredictable.

PETER KEEN
Oswestry

Postcard image captures village of old



This postcard showing Whittington Road, Gobowen, was franked at Gobowen on July 20, 1937 - no doubt at the post office on the right. It was addressed to Miss M. Mullinex, Walford Hall Cottage, Baschurch. Picture: Ray Farlow.

Get baking to help out sick pets

I AM writing to ask your readers to put their aprons on, get baking and join in with the fantastic Blue Cross Paws for Tea party to help sick, injured and homeless pets across the country.

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Letter proved to be an enjoyable read

I ENJOYED reading the letter by Rev Bob Pitcher about great British Christians. Another one to add to the list is Lord Shaftesbury (1801-1885).

A devout Christian, he was responsible for legislation to prevent women and children working in mines, to limit factory working hours and to improve the appalling treatment of the mentally handicapped and mentally ill.

He also helped to run 'ragged schools' for the children of city slums, championed the cause of chimney sweeps' climbing boys, and fought to improve terrible housing conditions. The people loved him and the children called him "our Earl". Every British child should learn in school about Lord Shaftesbury.

J CLIFT
Shrewsbury

Watch out as animals make nests

SPRING is here, and that means wild animals will be searching out safe, warm, dry places to nest and raise their young.

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NEWS
in briefIdeas to save
leisure centre

SUPPORTERS of plans to save a leisure centre are being asked for ideas to help raise the money needed to realise a community takeover.

Plas Madoc Leisure Centre is due to be closed later this year under Wrexham County Borough Council budget cuts.

At a public meeting Splash Community Trust was set up to push forward a campaign to keep the centre open.

To complete the survey visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PM-FUTURE> and to suggest fundraising ideas email jennymiller08@hotmail.co.uk

Cafe offers chance
to talk about death

DEATH will be the topic of conversation when a cafe is launched later this month.

The Death Cafe event in Oswestry is one of a growing number being set up nationwide. The idea, which comes from Paris, lets participants talk about all aspects of life and death.

The cafe will be held at the Curious Tea Room in English Walls on April 23 from 6-8pm.

It will be run by Dr Judith Westerer of Cedar, a community education organisation. Dr Westerer said: "Talking about death should not be uncomfortable."

Outdoor market in bid to attract new traders

A strategy to attract more traders and shoppers to Oswestry's outdoor market is being launched with free wi-fi, stalls for a tenner and scouting trips to other markets among the ways the council intends to boost its attraction.

With the indoor Powis Hall market full, the council – which runs the operation – is now turning its attention to attracting new stallholders to the outdoor markets on the Bailey Head.

About 20 traders set up their stalls on the Bailey Head each Wednesday while the smaller, Saturday market attracts a dozen each week.

Although numbers are holding their own compared to last year, the market like others across Britain has seen a decline over the past two decades as shoppers turn to supermarkets and the internet.

Oswestry town council's markets and car parks committee, which meets to night, will debate a report on attracting new market traders.

Markets manager, Mr David Clough, said: "Oswestry markets have performed collectively better over the last 12 months, compared to previous years,

boosted by the improved weather of 2013.

"The indoor market remains fully attended and continued efforts will be made to increase the number of outside traders. "The 'Stalls for a Tenner' campaign has really helped in attracting some new traders. But the problem often lies in keeping the traders once they have visited as often their takings have been disappointing."

To attract shoppers Mr Clough said there would be a Love Your Local Market fortnight in May, specialist events throughout the year, from continental to antique markets and said the council was working with community groups, schools and colleges to raise awareness.

Councillors will also debate together whether to introduce a free wi-fi zone at the markets. At the moment people can log into the wi-fi at a cost of £1 a day.

By Sue Austin

TV chef's challenge for catering students



Celebrity chef Marcus Bean explains about venison and seasonal foods to the group of students

THE art of cooking with venison has been revealed to Oswestry catering students by TV celebrity chef Marcus Bean.

Hospitality and catering students at Scholars Restaurant, at the Oswestry campus of Walford and North Shropshire College, took part in the master class.

The session was given by Mr Bean at Brompton Cookery School at Atcham

near Shrewsbury and he was joined by David Maughan, a master butcher from the Attingham Park estate, who gave a butchery demonstration.

College spokesman Lucy Evans said: "Marcus demonstrated the techniques of sous vide and presented the students with a cookery challenge to use a range of ingredients and flavours to cook a venison dish within one hour."

"The dish needed to include wild

garlic as a feature ingredient and reflect the students' individual style and practical skills.

"First place was awarded to Level 1 professional cookery student Rebecca Willmott who created a dish of pan fried venison, with a potato and onion gratin, wilted spinach and wild garlic, parsnip puree and glazed baby carrots."

"Rebecca won a voucher for a half day cookery course at Brompton."

Brownfield land set to be caravan sales site

THE site of a former household recycling centre will be used to sell caravans, it has been confirmed.

The vacant brownfield land on Maesbury Road in Oswestry which was used as a recycling centre until five years ago represents an "ideal opportunity" to bring new business and jobs to the town, according to Shropshire Council planning officers.

A bid by Oswestry Caravans to use an open, hard-surfaced area of the site to sell static and touring caravans was approved by members of the north planning committee.

The recycling centre closed in 2009 and was replaced by a new £3 million plant at Mile Oak Industrial Estate which is used by the public today.

Addressing a meeting at Shirehall in Shrewsbury, the council's principal planning officer, Matthew Farmer, said: "This site provides an ideal opportunity for a new business to move into Oswestry, bringing with it potential employment opportunities."

The proposed display and retail of static and touring caravans is an appropriate use for the site as it can be carried out without any ground works."

No objections were received.

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Hospital's top score inpatient survey

THE specialist Orthopaedic hospital in Oswestry is a great place to be a patient according to the 2013 National Inpatient Survey published by the Care Quality Commission.

The Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, Oswestry, was among the top performing hospitals and had top scores in 10 questions.

In three of the nine sections, for hospital and ward, doctors and care and for treatment, the specialist hospital came top overall.

Patients gave extremely high ratings for various aspects on their experience throughout the hospital.

The Trust's top scores included food, ward cleanliness, comprehensive answers from doctors, information about risks and benefits of treatment, hospital letters, explanations from anaesthetists, privacy when discussing condition and when receiving treatment, safety from other patients and being treated with dignity and respect.

In all nine sections of the report, RJAH was in the top scoring group.

Director of Nursing Jayne Downey said: "These high scores mean that the hospital is doing things right for patients."

Windfarms and pylons effect on tourism revealed

PYLONS and windfarms planned for Shropshire and Mid Wales would have a negative effect on the tourism industry, a new report has claimed.

The Welsh Assembly's environment and sustainability committee said areas in other countries where windfarms had been built had seen a fall in tourists.

Russell George, Montgomeryshire AM, said the report is proof plans to build turbines and pylons in Mid Wales should be thrown out.

Mr George said the Mid Wales economy would be dealt a "hammer blow" should plans for the area get the go-ahead.

Powys County Council and campaign group The Alliance, is fighting plans to build windfarms in Llanbadarn Fynydd, near Llanidloes; Llaithddu, near Newtown; Llandinam, near Llanidloes; Llanbrynmair, near Machynlleth; Carnedd Wen, near Machynlleth, with a 132kV overhead electric line connection from a Llandinam windfarm to the Welshpool substation.

The plans are subject to an ongoing public inquiry in Welshpool. The report looked at the economic impact of windfarms and electricity infrastructure on the tourism industry. It said "tourism displacement"

By Karen Evans

ment" which has happened in other countries is "likely to be the case in Wales".

The report states that, while there were few local case studies, there was anecdotal evidence which showed visitors had stayed away because of windfarms.

It also highlighted that "certain locations" in Wales are more sensitive to windfarm development due to their landscapes, types of visitor, limited product diversity and proximity to windfarms and that the more rural parts Powys would fall into this category.

Mr George said: "Local economies across Mid Wales face a hammer blow from the additional infrastructure that comes with wind farms - and the potential for tourism displacement is huge. Yet the Welsh Government continues to stand by its TAN 8 planning guidance which has encouraged developers to Mid Wales."

Teenager wins classical music contest



Jacob Owen, from Welshpool, gave a performance that wowed the judges

A Welshpool teenager with an ear for music and language is looking forward to a bright future.

Jacob Owen was announced as winner of the Shropshire Concerto Competition, beating off stiff opposition.

For the final, Jacob, who is in his first year at Shrewsbury Sixth Form College, played the Camille Saint-Saëns Cello Concerto No 1 in A minor.

Jacob is in his first year at the college and is also very talented linguist studying French, German and Spanish alongside music as well as learning Finnish in his spare time.

David Place, head of music at SSFC said: "Seeing and hearing such talented musicians perform is always a pleasure and it was great to see how much support Jacob received from other SSFC students."

Martin Ward, the college's principal added: "Jacob gave a very mature and moving performance which wowed the audience and obviously the judge."

NEWS in brief

Fourth foodbank as demand grows

A foodbank has opened its fourth distribution centre after a huge rise in demand over the past year.

Volunteers working for Oswestry and Borders Foodbank will be available to hand out food parcels in exchange for vouchers at St Martins Parish Church Hall on Wednesday mornings.

The foodbank already operates in Oswestry on Mondays and Thursdays, Ellesmere on Tuesdays and Fridays and Weston Rhyn on Tuesdays.

It comes after the number of vouchers exchanged for food in Oswestry and surrounding villages rose by 87 per cent last year.

South Pacific is coming to town

THE sunny climes of the South Pacific come to Oswestry this month as the Oswestry Musical Theatre company puts on a production of the popular musical.

With songs like "Bali Ha'i", "I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Outa My Hair", "Some Enchanted Evening", "There Is Nothing Like a Dame", "Happy Talk", "Younger Than Springtime" the musical has a feelgood factor. It will run from April 22-26, starting at 7.30pm each evening. Tickets are available from RJ Christian the jewellers in Oswestry.

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NEWS
in briefFree access to
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STUDENTS, researchers and small businesses in the Welshpool area can now access more than 1.5 million academic articles for free thanks to a new library service.

Powys County Council's library service has introduced AccessToResearch, a new tool available to library users to access articles for free on topics including health, science, business, engineering and history.

Councillor Graham Brown, cabinet member responsible for libraries, said: "This is an ideal facility that will help small businesses, researchers and students."

Ramblers off on
an Easter walk

WELSHPOOL Ramblers walk on Easter Sunday will be led by Mel Lyons in the Llanfair Caereinion area.

The 'moderate' grade seven-mile circular route will go west along the bank of the Afon Banwy, then north to Dolgead Hall returning south to Glynhiraeth then east to emerge at Pont y Deri.

The walk will start at 9.30am from the car park near to the Welshpool & Llanfair LR Station or meet in the upper part of the Church Street car park at 9am. Further information can be obtained by contacting 01938 553834.

20mph limit on way for new housing development

A 20mph zone will be introduced on the edge of Welshpool town centre in preparation for a new housing development.

The Gungrog Road and Red Bank area of Welshpool will see the speed limit reduced from 30mph in preparation for the opening of the new 45-house development off Red Bank.

Members of Powys County Council's Montgomeryshire Committee voted to give the scheme the go-ahead and the plans will now go for formal public consultation before being introduced unless there are substantive objections.

Councillor Ann Holloway, Welshpool town and county councillor, praised the scheme.

Forget

She said: "I would like to thank the officers for this and think it is for the best. It is good for the safety of the residents of the new housing development."

Councillor Francesca Jump, Welshpool county councillor, added: "I hope there will be signs showing people exactly where it goes from 30 to 20 because in other areas I hear residents can sometimes forget where they are."

Chris Lloyd, traffic engi-

by Iain St John

neer for the council, said: "It will be signposted to ensure nobody will forget."

"The council has a policy to promote the introduction of 20mph speed limits and 20mph zones as part of new residential estate developments, where appropriate, being funded by the developer as part of their development proposals."

"A small section of Red Bank and Brookfield Road is already covered by a 20mph speed limit order which came into effect in March 2003 in the vicinity of the primary school."

"The eastern part of the Gungrog area is already covered by a 20mph zone order from March 2009 which was implemented to cover those residential roads in the vicinity of the primary school, secondary school and the leisure centre within that area."

Pupils create local wildlife in wax



Pupils who created the wax models depicting wildlife which lives in the local area.

SCHOOL pupils have created a large selection of wax models that depict local wildlife.

They are currently being displayed in Powis Castle's gardens and the best chosen by local TV wildlife presenter Iolo Williams will be cast into bronze and placed at Llyn Coed Y Dinas and Severn Farm Pond nature reserves in Welshpool, creating an educational sculpture trail depicting creatures that live there.

The Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust initiative has been funded by Awards For All and the Arts Council of Wales with local artist Jessica Callan working with pupils from Ardwyn, Buttington-Trewern and Forden, as well as a cross section of people who volunteer regularly at the reserves.

The wax used partly consisted of recycled wax from old candles collected by the pupils. All children who took part have one free family ticket to the gardens at Powis Castle to view their work.

Egg trail at castle for sweet toothed

FOR the seventh year running, Cadbury will be joining up with Powis Castle and Gardens for the annual Easter Egg Trail.

From Good Friday until Bank Holiday Monday, residents are invited to become an "Eggexplorer" hunting for clues in the world-famous gardens before claiming a yummy Cadbury's egghead Easter egg as a reward.

Participants will receive an Eggexplorer kit which includes a 'make it yourself' adventurer's pith hat; a trail journal giving important clues to help complete the trail and a trail passport to collect stamps from Powis Castle and any other National Trust trails attended.

Children can also enter the "Design Your Own Egghead" competition, where one lucky winner's design will be made into a real Cadbury Eggheads in 2015.

Normal admission prices apply plus £2 for the trail. The gardens are open between 10am-6pm (last entry at 5.30pm) and children trails will be running between 11.00am and 4pm.

Meanwhile renowned musical duo Charnie du Hautbois will present a programme of works for oboe and harp in the spectacular setting of the ballroom at the castle on Saturday, April 25 at 7.30pm.

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Woman greets crew which saved her life

Revamped shop to reopen



Janette Curliss and Elizabeth Roberts help out with the refurbishment of its 15 stores across Shropshire, Mid and North Wales and Cheshire.

The new-look shop, in Broad Street, will be officially reopened by Welshpool Mayor Councillor John Meredith at 10am on Good Friday. Shop manager Janette Curliss and deputy manager Charlotte Corke are taking the lead in the transformation, which is part of the charity's ongoing work to update all

of its 15 stores across Shropshire, Mid and North Wales and Cheshire. "Our new look will have a 'shabby chic' theme and will enable us to properly display all of the donations of clothes, bric-a-brac and collectables that people bring us to sell," said Charlotte. "We are looking forward to showing everyone the finished product at our grand opening and would love to see as many people as possible."

by Andrew Morris

A 93-year-old lady has been branded "Wonder Woman" by friends and family following a life saving rescue by the Wales Air Ambulance.

Violet Knight, from Welshpool, was airlifted to hospital after suffering a heart attack at home in February.

She was flown to hospital in Wolverhampton, arriving less than an hour after calling for help, which she says saved her life.

Ms Knight has now visited Welshpool airport to make a donation to the charity and to meet the paramedics who saved her, Rhodri Thomas and Karen Davies.

She said: "The doctor told me if it wasn't for the helicopter I would not have made it, so you can imagine how I feel at 93 years of age."

"I was back at home just a few days later, and I can't thank the crew enough."

She added: "I always fancied a ride in an air balloon but never thought I would get in a helicopter. I have even gained the title 'wonder woman has landed' by my friends and family."

Ms Knight decided to donate £20 to the charity, and was already a member of its Lifesaving Lottery scheme, donating £1 every week.

Wales Air Ambulance relies entirely on donations from the public to operate their three helicopters protecting people all across Wales.

Each helicopter can be launched within three minutes of receiving an emergency call, and from any of their three airbases in Welshpool, Swansea and Caernarfon, a helicopter can be anywhere in Wales within just 20 minutes.

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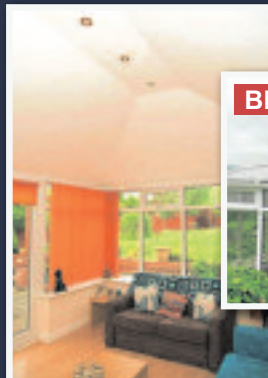
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NEWS
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Health council's big overspend

THE Powys Health Board is expected to overspend to the tune of £19.4 million this year, it has been revealed.

Of that deficit, £9.2 million has been overspent in Montgomeryshire, the area's health watchdog has been told.

The grim news was delivered to the Montgomery Community Health Council by Peter Skitt, north general manager at Powys Teaching Health Board.

Mr Skitt told the health council meeting that the health board expected its financial situation to receive comments from the Welsh Government.

Improve drawing talents on course

A SIX-WEEK course on drawing skills begins in Oswestry next month.

The course has been organised by the WEA, a provider of adult education. It will be held in the Memorial Hall in Oswestry on Mondays at 1pm, from May 12 to June 23.

Sheila Bregon, from WEA, said: "The course is aimed at giving students the basic skills to express feelings, emotions, characteristics and situations through drawing."

To reserve a place email telfordcentre@wea.org.uk or phone (01952) 614451.

There's no end in sight to county's pothole misery

by Andrew Morris

POTHOLEs on roads in Mid Wales could be there for "months or even years" before being repaired, a council chief has admitted.

Richard Hobbs, head of highways, transport and recycling at Powys County Council, said only the most severe potholes which pose a risk to safety will be dealt with quickly by the council.

Mr Hobbs made the revelation at a meeting of the council's Montgomeryshire committee in Welshpool after being grilled by councillors over the state of the county's roads.

Mr Hobbs said the council was now only taking action on urgent cases and less serious potholes would be dealt with when they deteriorate further.

The council manages more than 3,500 miles of road across the county.

Councillor Wynne Jones, member for Abermule, said the county's roads featured a number of potholes, especially on B-roads and country lanes.

Osfest takes to the streets

THE Osfest music festival will be hosting a fun day in Festival Square on Saturday.

Two days of music will fill the Oswestry Showground on May 24 and 25 with local bands lining up alongside big names like Union J, Conor Maynard and Wilkinson.

Osfest's promotional team will be taking over Festival Square in Oswestry on Easter Saturday from 9am until 4pm.

Carly Woodward said: "We will be joined by some of our close friends including the members of the Isabelle Lottie Foundation - our good cause for 2014. Ball Sports will be bringing along the Foxy Mascot and there will be free face painting by Kelly Anne Evans, free Easter eggs and entertainment from Danny Gruff."

There will also be an opportunity to preview Osfest merchandise such as printed onesies, fedora hats and hoodies.

Complained

He added: "A number of people have complained to me about the problem and it seems on B-roads in particular there is a real situation."

Mr Hobbs said: "When we receive reports of a pothole, an officer attends and assesses the damage and they are then put into a list of priority."

"Ones which pose a danger are dealt with straight away, but those posing little or none are put on a list to be tackled when we can."

"It could be many months or even years until they get attended to and I know this is unsatisfactory to some, but that is how it works."

Councillor Russell George said the council should tell complainants about action.

Young musician's success



Cameron Biles-Liddell is heading for the top

A talented young musician is heading for the top after earning the highest grade possible with his piano playing.

Cameron Biles-Liddell, who is in Year 12 at Oswestry School, has recently passed his Grade 8 ABRSM piano examination with distinction, and is intending to take the same exam on trumpet.

The 17-year-old is fitting his A level studies around his musical ambitions, as he is also studying at the Junior Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester.

He is currently in his second year at the prestigious academy, and now claims the title of principal jazz pianist, as well as continuing his second study of trumpet and recently starting to conduct. He receives instruction from the principal conductor of the Polish National Youth Orchestra.

Julian Cattley, director of music at Oswestry School, said: "We wish Cameron every success."

Political stalls bid could get red flag

POLITICAL parties wanting to set up stalls on Oswestry's market may well be given the red flag.

But Oswestry Town Council says it may instead look at designating a 'speakers' corner' in another area in the town, such as Festival Square or Cae Glas Park.

The council's markets and car parks committee last Wednesday had a request from the Labour Party to allow it to hold a stall on the market.

The request sparked a debate about the wisdom of mixing politics with shopping.

Councillor Amanda Wolfe, a market stallholder, said: "I would not be very happy with a political party having a stall next to me. Market trading is so precarious at the moment, the last thing stallholders want is someone on a stall next to them, handing out leaflets. You find shoppers see the leaflet and avoid the area."

"We should have a speakers' corner somewhere else in the town instead."

Councillor Paul Milner said the market was not the place for politics.

The council agreed to write to the National Association of British Market Authorities to clarify the situation nationally.



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NEWS
in brief**Lottery boosts tea dance group**

A group which organises tea dances for elderly people threw a party to celebrate receiving a grant of more than £1,000 from the Big Lottery Fund.

The Oswestry and District Association for the Elderly organises a monthly tea dance for members of senior citizens' clubs and care home residents across the area.

The group put on the party to celebrate a £1,155 donation from the Big Lottery Fund's Awards for All programme.

The party, held at The Pedigree on Shrewsbury Road was also attended by town mayor Councillor Chris Schofield.

School hosting its recital series

OSWESTRY School Recital Series has announced energetic and imaginative contributions for May and June.

The series will be hosting the Werther Ensemble and the Brodsky Quartet.

The former, performing in May, will base their performance solely on the works of Schubert.

The Brodsky Quartet, playing in June, "have won numerous awards worldwide and have had their programme planning recognised by a Royal Philharmonic Society Award".

For more information call (01691) 681135.

Train campaigners hail new hourly rail service

CAMPAIGNERS who have been fighting for an hourly train service between Shropshire and Mid Wales say they are thrilled now the service has been given the go-ahead.

The Welsh Assembly announced four new return services between Monday and Saturdays on the line between Shrewsbury and Aberystwyth, calling at both Welshpool and Newtown, earlier this week.

In addition, two new return services will run on Sundays from the launch in May 2015.

The news has been welcomed by both Shropshire Council and Montgomeryshire MP Glyn Davies, who say it will provide an economic boost to the region.

Councillor Claire Wild, Shropshire Council cabinet member for transport, said: "We wholeheartedly welcome these extra services, which will be a welcome boost for Shropshire."

"More train services like this will be good news for commuters, as well as providing more opportunities for tourists to come to Shrewsbury."

Glyn Davies, Montgomeryshire MP, added: "Arriva Trains are ready to roll with this new service. I met them recently and everything is in place. The additional week-

day hourly services and additional Sunday return services will allow people to use the railway more regularly and confidently.

"The hourly service was an ambition of the Development Board for Rural Wales 25 years ago, which I previously chaired. Every organisation has come together to make the improvements on the line for an hourly service to be possible. It has taken longer than initially hoped for but I am pleased that a date has now been set."

Councillor Mansel Williams, chairman of the Aberystwyth-Shrewsbury Railway Liaison Committee and Heart of Wales Line Forum, added: "This is excellent news for the people of Shropshire and Mid Wales. The Cambrian and Heart of Wales lines provide a vital service for residents, commuters, tourists and students in the area."

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EVERY month beautician Maxine Knott uses her talents to help women with cancer by giving them free hair and make-up sessions at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital.

Now she is hoping to help even more by holding an open evening to celebrate a decade in business.

Miss Knott, who runs Gorgeous in Salop Road, Oswestry, said: "May 14 is our 10th birthday celebrations so

we are holding an open evening for our clients where we will have hand massages and the like with refreshments and a raffle. It is all in aid of Look Good Feel Better, which helps cancer sufferers hopefully feel better about themselves."

"Once a month I go to the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital and see cancer patients, giving them a makeover by applying their make-up, showing them

through various cosmetics. I have been doing it for the past three years now and feel it is such a worthy cause, so I am hoping that people will be happy to make a donation on the night to allow the work to continue."

Look Good Feel Better is the only international cancer support charity which provides free beauty services for female patients suffering from the visible side effects of cancer treatment.

Changes planned for Arriva bus route

CHANGES are to be made by Arriva Midlands to a popular bus services between Oswestry and Wrexham.

The changes, which bosses say are in response to public demand, come in from April 22 and will affect services 2, 2A and 2C.

An extra morning 2C service journey from Oswestry at 7.25am to Wrexham serving Whittington Road bus stop will be introduced.

Extra journeys to Oswestry and Chirk from Wrexham will be introduced providing a 15 minute frequency.

On Service 2 there will be a minor alteration to the timetable from Acrefair to Oswestry.

On Services 2 and 2A there will be a revised route to run via Tesco and Queen Street at Cefn Mawr.

The service will no longer serve Well Street and The Crane at Cefn Mawr.

Keith Myatt, regional marketing and communications manager of Arriva Midlands, said: "Feedback from our customers has highlighted the need to introduce a few changes to services 2, 2A and 2C that will offer better links to the new Tesco Store in Cefn Mawr along with additional afternoon peak journeys between from Wrexham to Oswestry via Chirk."

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Photographer Care Johnson on hot list



Care Johnson is focused on big things

PHOTOGRAPHER Care Johnson looks destined for big things after being crowned by Glamour magazine as "one to watch in 2014".

The accolade for Oswestry's CareJohnson is especially impressive as she has suffered a series of setbacks in the last few years as she had forged her new career.

Having left her home in Yorkshire aged 16 to start a career in the equine industry, Care, who is now 20, found an allergy condition left her unable to pursue her passion for horses.

On top of that disappointment, and battling depression and anxiety problems, Care had been homeless for 11 months before finding accommodation in Castlefields in Oswestry. She set up as a freelance photographer with no formal education, securing a Prince's Trust Development Award to buy a digital camera and completing a six month photography internship.

Care said: "I have been presented with various awards in recognition of my work, including a finalist place in The Prince's Trust 'Celebrate Success' awards, an audience with David Cameron & Lord Young, talking live on Sky News about youth unemployment."

Travellers told they must go in three years

A traveller family who won their battle to stay on land in a Shropshire village must move off it as soon as their three-year temporary permission is up, a leading councillor has insisted.

A planning inspector has ruled Jerry and Michelle Berry should be allowed to live opposite Henle Park

Golf Club at Gobowen, near Oswestry, after the family appealed against Shropshire Council's decision to refuse them permission.

But inspector Richard McCoy says the permission should be only temporary and the family must move off after three years.

He says the three-year permission will allow Shropshire Council to provide an alternative site for the family and increase its supply of traveller accommodation.

Councillor David Lloyd, who represents Gobowen on Shropshire Council, said many people who had objected to the proposal had been disappointed by the outcome. He told a meeting of Selattyn and Gobowen

By Iain St John

Parish Council that the hearing which looked into the family's appeal had been told they had set up home at Gobowen because they had nowhere else to go.

Councillor Lloyd added that the family had not been seen at the site for several months, although they had returned to it recently.

And he said he did not want to see further efforts by the family to stay on the land after the three-year permission had finished.

He told the parish council: "The outcome of the hearing proved a disappointment for many but we have to accept the inspector's verdict. My concern now is the three-year temporary is temporary."

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Tree of light cash for charity funds

TWO county charities have received £1,500, which was raised during a Rotary club's Christmas Tree of Light Appeal.

Members of the Rotary Club of Oswestry's Tree of Light committee presented the money to Midlands Air Ambulance and the Lingen Davies Appeal.

The club presented £1,000 to Maria Jones, Shropshire regional fund-raising manager for Midlands Air Ambulance, when she gave a talk to the Rotary club.

Club members then visited the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital to present a cheque for £500 to the Lingen Davies Cancer Fund.

'Son-rise' service for worshippers

AN Easter morning open air "son-rise" service will be held in Oswestry.

It will take place in Red Square, English Walls, at 6.30am on Easter Sunday, April 20.

Following the service breakfast will be served at Cornerstone Baptist Church in Roft Street.

The service will be following on from activities taking place on Good Friday, April 18.

Members of churches in Oswestry will be joining in with the fun day being organised by Oswestry Town Council at the town market on the Bailey Head.

Judge rules sword killer deserves 12-year jail term

A teenager who killed a young dad by stabbing him with a Lord of the Rings-style sword in an attack in an Oswestry street fully deserved his 12-year sentence, top judges have ruled.

Richard Adam Reece, now 19, stabbed the ornamental sword into Danny Jones's stomach after a "minor scuffle" turned deadly, London's Appeal Court heard.

Reece, of Lord Street, Oswestry, was detained for 12 years at Birmingham Crown Court after he was convicted of manslaughter in November last year.

But his case reached the Appeal Court as he challenged his sentence, which his lawyers claimed was too harsh in light of his youth and the facts of the case.

The two friends had rowed after a protracted drinking session, Lady Justice Sharp told the court.

The judge - who accepted that Mr Jones had been the "aggressor" during part of the tussle - said Reece then provoked his former friend by leaping up and down on top of his car.

The "enraged" Mr Jones, from Chirk, chased Reece around the Oswestry car park where the pair had clashed, soon after which

by Iain St John

Reece went home. But he later emerged brandishing a "short ornamental sword", said the judge, advancing on Mr Jones despite witnesses' pleas for him to put it down.

The 21-year-old victim "did not back down" and the two men "came together with Reece stabbing Mr Jones in the stomach", the court heard.

Lady Justice Sharp, sitting with Mr Justice Spencer and Mrs Justice Simler, pointed to "harrowing" statements submitted by Mr Jones's mother testifying to her devastation at the "loss of her only child".

She said: "Reece escalated this incident, which had been a minor scuffle, leaving the car park to arm himself with a lethal weapon, the sword."

"In these circumstances we do not consider that the sentence passed was manifestly excessive."

Contest to name town's new streets



What's in a name? The design for the housing off Swan Lane

A new Oswestry housing development is in need of a name - and townsfolk are being asked for suggestions.

Shropshire Towns and Rural Housing is building 19 homes off Swan Lane.

As building work continues the housing organisation is asking local residents to help name the street, with the winning suggestion receiving £100 worth of high street vouchers, donated by building contractor, Speller Metcalfe.

Jason O'Donoghue, for Shropshire Towns and Rural Housing, said new streets should be named after people, places or events associated with the local area.

For further details, terms and conditions and to enter the competition, go to <http://www.starhousing.org.uk/swan-rename/>. People without a computer can call 01743 210206 for an entry form and copy of the street naming guidelines.

Closing date for suggestions will be on April 21 at 5pm.

Birthday bash for farmers' club nears

PLANS for an anniversary event to mark 70 years of a young farmers' group are entering their final phase.

Members of Nesscliffe Young Farmers, which was founded in 1944, have spent the past six months arranging a huge party, to take place in May.

The group is one of the most energetic and enthusiastic YFCs in the county and is renowned for its drama productions, public speaking and fundraising - over the past 30 years its members have raised over £100,000 for charity.

The 70th anniversary celebrations are set to take place at Wood Farm, Adcote, near Shrewsbury on May 3.

Club secretary Jessica Mason, said: "We have sold nearly all the tickets and anticipate there will be a waiting list."

"Last November we formed a committee of past and present members to organise the event. Since then we have been busy with the decor and a theatrical presentation and past members have been able to provide memorabilia including a huge display of old YFC T-shirts."

Funds raised by the 500-head black-tie party will go to Operation Smile, a project providing free surgery to help children with facial deformities."

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Live the rural dream at secluded smallholding

On the market with the Welshpool branch of Halls, Cae Bryn, near Cefn Coch, comprises a highly desirable rural smallholding with a modern five-bedroom detached home. The house is set in a prominent yet private position with glorious views, a range of out-buildings, extensive landscaped gardens and paddocks extending in total to just under five acres.

The property offers the chance of living the rural dream with spacious and adaptable family accommodation, and the chance to keep domestic livestock and/or horses and ponies.

With oil-fired central heating and double glazing, the accommodation comprises an entrance hall, utility, kitchen, study, WC, inner hallway, lounge, first floor landing,

master bedroom with en-suite bathroom, four further bedrooms and a family bathroom.

There is a large parking and turning area along with formal gardens, a double car port, stable, barn and two paddocks.

The agents have set a guide price of £425,000 and recommend an early viewing.

Contact Halls on 01938 555552 or visit www.hallsestateagents.co.uk to find out more.



Spacious four-bed detached house offers plenty of scope

A four-bedroom detached village house in need of modernisation has come on to the market with Town & Country.

Weston Villa, Old Chirk Road, Gobowen, offers plenty of space and includes gas central heating and double glazing. The accommodation comprises four reception rooms, kitchen, utility, four bedrooms and a bathroom. There is a lawned garden to the front and a parking area to the rear. The agents have set a guide price of £130,000. Contact Town & Country on 01691679631 to view.

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- Bedroom with Ensuite
- Two Further Bedrooms
- Box Room, Bathroom, WC
- Parking, Garage, Gardens
- Current EPC Rating D

Contact OswestryLlanforda Rise, Oswestry
Price: £239,950

This detached bungalow is situated in a most sought after location within Oswestry Town within walking distance to the amenities and a regular bus service passing the door. The property requires some modernisation but does benefit from oil fired central heating and partial UPVC double glazing.

- Large Lounge Dining Room
- Kitchen, Pantry
- Three Double Bedrooms

Contact OswestryClarkes Lane, St Martins
Price: £199,950

A delightful two bedroom detached cottage situated in a semi rural location within level walking distance of the village centre. Updated and improved by the present owners to provide a New Kitchen, new Carpets laid and a re-wire.

- UPVC DG & Conservatory
- Central Heating
- Low Maintenance Gardens
- 2 Parking Areas
- Current EPC Rating E

Contact OswestryHarlan House, Nr Weston Rhyn
Price: £450,000

A spacious individual 4 bedroom barn conversion in grounds extending to approx 1.8 acres. Situated in a most convenient location with excellent commuter links.

- 4 Bedrooms
- 2/3 Reception Rooms
- Detached Outbuilding
- Garage & Parking
- Approx 1.8 Acres
- Current EPC Rating C

Contact Oswestry

OC3864

Garth, Nr Llangollen
Price: £167,500

A detached character cottage situated in an elevated semi rural location with superb views across England and Wales. Dating back to 1865 this extended stone built cottage offers a Living Room with feature fireplace, Kitchen with views over the front and side gardens, Utility with space for appliances, Four Piece Bathroom Suite, Two Double Bedrooms, Gardens, Parking, Detached Garage. EPC Rating E.

Contact Oswestry

OC3752

The Gables, Dovaston
Price: £375,000

This individual FIVE bedroom executive detached family home is situated in a semi rural location within a popular hamlet.

- 5 Bedroom (2 With En-Suites)
- 2 Receptions & Conservatory
- Double Garage & Parking
- Open Countryside Views
- Oil Central Heating
- Current EPC Rating D

Contact Oswestry

OC3777

Wren Cottage, Wern
Price: £234,950

A three bedroom character property situated in a sought after hamlet location in close proximity to both Weston Rhyn and Selattyn.

- 3 Bedroom
- 2 Receptions
- Garden & Parking
- Oil Central Heating
- Countryside Views
- Current EPC Rating E

Contact OswestryLlys Close, Oswestry
Price: £88,500

An ideal first time or investment purchase. Covered Entrance Porch, Lounge with gas fire, Kitchen with fitted units and oven, First Floor Landing with store cupboard, Double Bedroom with fitted wardrobe, Bathroom fitted with a three piece white suite, Car Parking, Garden, Garden Shed. The property benefits from double glazing and is situated in a pleasant cul de sac location. Current EPC E.

Contact Oswestry

OC3860

Glas Coed, Pontfadog
Price: £249,950

This beautifully presented three bedroom cottage bungalow has the most wonderful views across the Ceiriog Valley. Located in the picturesque village of Pantfadog which provides a post office, local shops and a river running through.

- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Gardens, Parking & Garage
- Current EPC Rating E

Contact OswestryArkwood, Trefonen
Price: £239,950

This charming FOUR BEDROOM semi detached cottage is situated in a most sought after semi rural village 2.5 miles from the market town of Oswestry. This immaculate property is warmed by oil fired central heating and benefits from double glazing.

- Lounge with Stove
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NO CHAIN
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
EPC RATING D
£229,950



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2 BED DET BUNGALOW
NO CHAIN
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
EPC RATING E
OIRO £224,950



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3 BED DET HOUSE
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
GARAGE
EPC RATING F
OIRO £219,950



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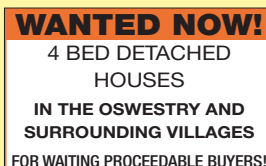
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OIRO £199,950



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NO CHAIN
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
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OIRO £194,950



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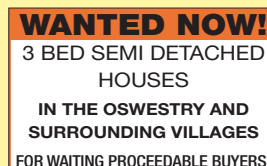
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Oswestry
35 Gatacre Road
3 BED MID TERRACE HOUSE
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
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NEW
Gobowen
2 Fernhill Lane
2 BED SEMI DET HOUSE
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
OFF ROAD PARKING
EPC RATING TBC
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NEW PRICE
Gobowen Oswestry
8 Trinity Close
3 BED SEMI-DET HOUSE
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OIRO £139,950



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NEW
Oswestry
15 Laburnum Drive
3 BED SEMI DET HOUSE
NO CHAIN
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
EPC RATING TBC
OIRO £127,950



NEW PRICE
Oswestry
40 Ascot Road
2 BED TERRACE HOUSE
NO CHAIN
OFF ROAD PARKING
EPC RATING B
ASKING PRICE £116,950



NEW
Oswestry
17 Ascot Road
2 BED SEMI-DET HOUSE
NO CHAIN
CONSERVATORY
EPC RATING D
OIRO £115,950



NEW
Oswestry
131 Cabin Lane
2 BED SEMI DET HOUSE
NO CHAIN
OFF ROAD PARKING
EPC RATING C
OIRO £114,950



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23 YORK STREET, OSWESTRY. 2 BED TERRACED HOUSE.....£395 PCM
19 SCHOOL ROAD, WEST FELTON. 2 BED TERRACED HOUSE£420 PCM
15 MEWS COTTAGES, OSWESTRY. 2 BED TERRACED HOUSE.....£450 PCM
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- EPC Band - C

JJD833

GUIDE PRICE £400,000

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- GFCH & D/G
- Dining Kitchen
- Sitting Room
- Sun Room
- Two Bedrooms
- Large Attractive Garden
- Garage & Parking
- Occupying Quiet Position
- EPC Band - D

JJD820

£139,500

PANT, NR. OSWESTRY



- Oil Fired Central Heating
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- Three Bedrooms
- Enclosed Front Garden
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- Includes B/Plot with Full P/P for Dwelling
- EPC Band F

JJD807

GUIDE PRICE £350,000

GOBOWEN



- CH & D/G
- Lounge/Dining Area
- Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Front Garden, Rear Yard.
- Visitor Accommodation Available.
- EPC Rating - D

JJD837

OFFERS OVER £69,950

LLANFYLLIN



- OFCH UPVC D/G
- Cloakroom
- Two Reception
- Laundry Room
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Three Double Bedrooms
- En-Suite
- Terraced Garden
- EPC Band - E

JJD819

£339,500

OSWESTRY



- Detached three bedroomed family house in sought after residential area
- G/F C/H, D/G
- Cloakroom
- Kitchen & Utility
- Dining Room
- Sitting Room & Lounge
- Dressing Room
- Large Garage
- Attractive Gardens
- EPC Band D

JJD778

£349,950

OSWESTRY



- Modern Detached Bungalow
- GFCH & D/G
- Kitchen
- Lounge
- Two Bedrooms
- Garage And Parking
- Front And Rear Gardens
- Cul De Sac Location
- EPC Band D

JJD814

£138,950

OSWESTRY



- GFCH PVC D/G
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Living Room
- Dining Room
- Cloakroom & Laundry
- Four Bedrooms
- En-Suite
- Garage/Workshop
- EPC Band - D

JJD838

OFFERS INVITED ON £255,000

LLANRHAEDR YM MOCHNANT



- Traditional Village Cottage
- Oil Fired CH
- Sitting Room
- Dining Kitchen
- Conservatory
- 2 Bedrooms
- Rear Garden
- Adjoining Garage/Outbuilding with Loft
- EPC Band - F

JJD834

£139,950

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- Detached House
- Occupying Pleasant Rural Position
- Opportunity for further improvement
- GFCH
- D/G & Secondary D/G
- Sitting Room & Living Room
- Dining Kitchen
- 3 Good Sized Bedrooms
- Garaging
- Good Sized Garden
- EPC Band D

JJD805

£239,000

NR. OSWESTRY



- Rural Property
- Fully Modernised
- Two Bedrooms
- Car Parking
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- Deposit - £495.00
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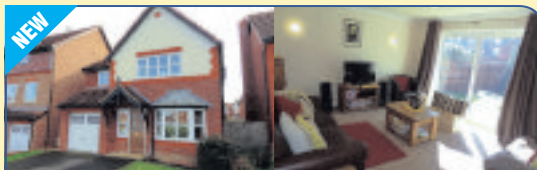


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Hampton Rise
Oswestry £275,000

- Well appointed and spacious Detached Family Home
- Situated within a quiet position & sits in a large corner plot
- Large Ent Hall, Cloaks, Dining Room, Study
- Lounge, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility
- 4 Bedrooms (master en-suite) Family Bathroom
- Double garage, off-road parking.
- Gas C/H & timber D/G throughout. EPC Rating



Milars Field
Morda £195,000

- A well presented 4 Bedroom Detached Family Home
- Situated in private cul-de-sac location
- Open views towards the Welsh border to the front
- Ent Hall, Cloaks, Dining Rm, Lounge, Kitchen and Utility
- 4 Bedrooms (master en-suite) and Family Bathroom
- Externally the property has a ample off road parking
- Gas central heating & double glazing. EPC Rating C



Wingate Way
Park Hall £35,000

- A new build 3 bedroom semi-detached property available on a Help to Buy Shared Ownership basis with shares ranging from 25 - 75%.
- Constructed by Meres & Mosses Housing Association this excellent family home has been built to Code 4 standards
- Entrance Hall, WC, Fully fitted Kitchen, Lounge/Dining room
- 3 Bedrooms and Bathroom.
- Large garden & off road parking
- Gas C/H and photo voltaic solar panel system. EPC Rating 'B'



Celyn House
Weston Rhyn £315,000

- Substantial Detached 5 Bedroom Property in a generous plot
- The property is believed to date from circa 1900
- 3 Reception Rooms, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility, Cellar
- Ground Floor Bathroom, 5 Bedrooms (2 en-suite) & Family Bathroom
- Mature and well maintained gardens with ample off-road parking
- Oil central heating and hardwood double glazing. EPC Rating



Beaconsfield Terrace £104,995

- Deceptively spacious Grade II Listed Terrace House
- Numerous period features
- Living Room, Lounge, Kitchen/Dining Room
- 2 Bedrooms and Bathroom
- Externally the property benefits from a rear yard
- Gas fired central heating.



Maesbrook £180,000

- Semi-Detached Bungalow set in just under 1/2 acre of gardens and adjoining woodland.
- Situated in open countryside with excellent views to the front and rear
- Sun Room, Lounge, Kitchen/Dining Room, 3 Bedrooms & Bathroom
- Excellent gardens to front and rear and amenity woodland
- Private drive and a large integral garage.
- Oil central heating and double glazing. EPC Rating



Rhosyllan House
St Martins £180,000

- Substantial 4 Bedroom Detached Family Home with garage & off-road parking
- The property has been extensively modernised by the current owners
- Lounge, Inner Hallway/Study, Dining Room, Kitchen
- Utility, Cloakroom, 4 Bedrooms and Bathroom
- Enclosed rear garden with a large garage & allocated parking area
- Gas fired central heating and uPVC double glazing. EPC Rating E



Trinity Close
Gobowen £139,950

- Well presented semi-detached property
- Ent Hall, Lounge, Cloaks, modern Kitchen/Dining Rm
- 3 Beds (Master En-suite), 2 further Beds & Bathrm
- Rear garden with decked area & raised patio
- Off road parking, D/G & Gas C/H. EPC Rating C



Hampton Road
Oswestry £445,000

- Spacious Detached Family Residence situated in a one of Oswestry's premier residential locations
- Ent Hall, Study, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Garden Room, Utility & Cloaks
- 4 Ensuite Bedrooms, 2 other Bedrooms, Family Bathroom. Large Attic
- Well stocked landscaped gardens with a raised patio. Garage with driveway. Gas C/H. EPC Rating E



Oswald Place
Oswestry £139,995

- 3 Bed Town House with Original Features
- Within Walking Distance of Town Centre
- Kitchen Lounge, Cloakroom
- 2 Beds and Bathroom
- Master Bed with adj Dressing Room
- Private Courtyard Garden
- Gas Central Heating, D/G. EPC Rating F



The Cross
Gobowen £249,995

- Period Detached house extensively renovated
- Entrance Hall, Cellar, Lounge, Family Room
- Study, Dining Room Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Utility, Cloaks, Master Bedroom (En-Suite)
- 3 further Bedrooms and Family Bathroom
- Good size garden to rear & ample off-road parking
- Gas C/H. EPC Rating E



Orley Way
Oswestry £235,000

- Spacious Detached House situated on a large plot
- Ent Hall, Cloaks, Sitting Rm/Dining Rm, Conservatory
- Kitchen/Breakfast Rm, Utility, 4 Bedrooms
- Family Bathrm. Garage, D/G, Gas C/H. EPC Rating F
- Driveway with lawn & secluded rear garden



Springfield Gardens
West Felton £215,000

- Detached Bungalow in Popular Village Location
- Ent Hall, Lounge, Dining Rm
- Recently Fitted Kitchen, Conservatory
- Recently Fitted Bathroom, 2 Beds
- Large Drive, Single Garage, WC
- uPVC D/G, Fascias and Soffits
- Oil C/H. EPC Rating D



Cae Onan
Morda £206,995

- Spacious 4 Bedroom Detached Family Home
- Ent Hall, Lounge, Dining Rm, Kitchen, Utility, Cloaks
- 4 Bedrooms (master en-suite) & Family Bathroom
- Rear garden, integral garage & off-road parking
- Gas C/H, and uPVC D/G throughout. EPC Rating C



Berllan Close
Weston Rhyn £199,995

- Superbly appointed Detached Family House
- Situated within walking distance of the centre of Weston Rhyn
- Entrance Hall, Living Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility, Cloakroom
- 4 Excellent Bedrooms and a Family Bathroom.
- Oil fired C/H. uPVC D/G & spacious gardens. EPC Rating D



Bay Tree Close
St Martins £116,995

- Comfortably appointed Semi-Detached Hse
- Lounge, Kitchen/Breakfast Rm
- Sun Rm, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Gardens to fore and rear
- Parking for several vehicles
- Majority double glazing, Gas C/H
- Cavity wall insulation, EPC Rating C



Roundwood Close
Oswestry £139,995

- Well maintained 2 Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- Hallway, Lounge/Dining Room, Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Ample off-road parking, detached garage
- Low maintenance gardens
- Gas C/H and uPVC D/G throughout. EPC Rating D



West Place
Gobowen £97,500

- Spacious 3 Bedroom Mid-Terrace Property
- Ent Hall, Kitchen, Lounge/Dining Room
- Conservatory, 3 Beds & Family Bathroom
- Ample off-road parking & large rear garden
- Gas C/H & double glazing. EPC Rating D



Park Terrace
Oswestry £96,000

- 2 Bedroom Mid-Terrace Property
- Lounge, Kitchen/Dining Room
- 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Excellent Front Garden with Seating Area
- 2 Good Size Rear Storage Sheds
- Gas C/H. D/G. EPC Rating D



Donnett Mews
Whittington £144,995

- A well appointed two bedroom Barn Conversion
- Situated close to the centre of the village of Whittington
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/Dining Room
- Two Bedrooms and Bathroom
- The garden is mainly laid to patio and grave
- Off-road parking, D/G and Gas C/H. EPC Rating D



Albert Mews
Oswestry £109,995

- Well appointed & well maintained End Terrace
- Ent Porch, Entrance Hall, Kitchen, Living Room
- Cloaks, 2 Bedrooms and Bathroom
- Lawned garden with paved patio to rear
- The front garden is laid to gravel
- Off-road parking for 2 vehicles
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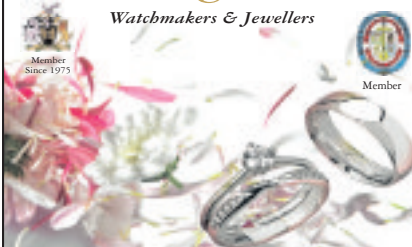
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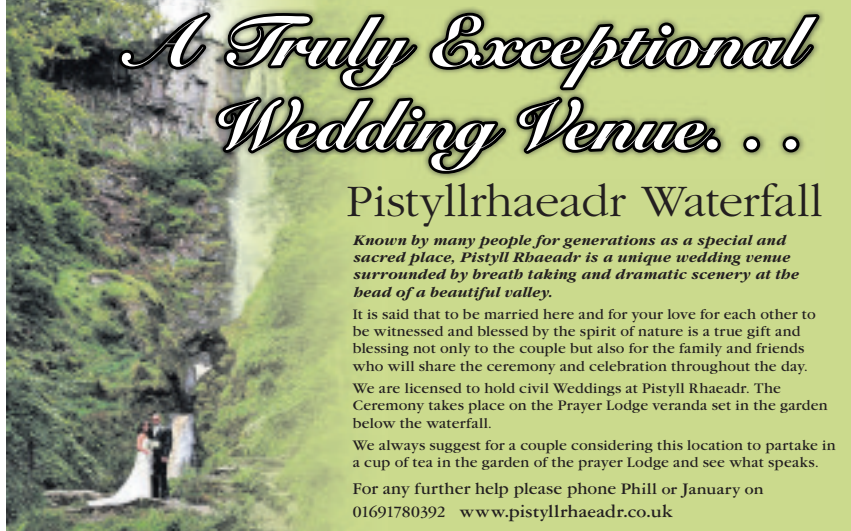
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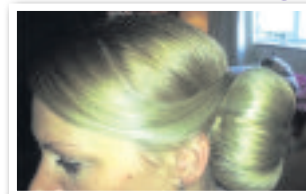
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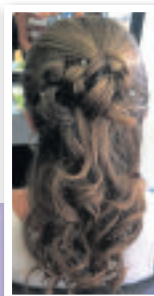
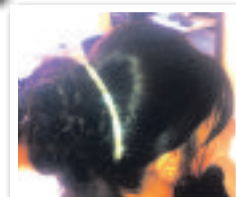
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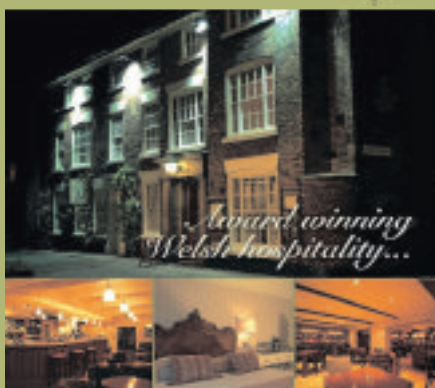
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"I was so nervous about walking through the doors on that first night, even though I had friends who had done Slimming World, I still wasn't sure what to expect," said Jackie.

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"I even enjoy going shopping for clothes now - the brighter the better.

"I have also discovered a real passion for cooking, especially meals like



Jackie McGowan shed four stones

chicken curry or steak and chips."

And since losing the weight Jackie has started exercising and has entered herself into the Race for Life in June along with other members of the group.

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GIG GUIDE

Town hosts weekend of live entertainment

GIG GUIDE
with Edward
Roberts

IT seems Welshpool is the place to be this weekend, with a number of great shows worth checking out.

Singer songwriter and local hero Steve Edwards will be hitting the stage at The Royal Oak, on Friday night.

Since playing his first gig back in 2012, Steve has gone on to become a regular performer at venues around Welshpool and Shropshire.

He covers all sorts of songs, ranging from the likes of Oasis and The Jam to Gnarls Barkley and ABBA, he's even been known to throw in the odd Jessie J song. The gig starts at 9pm and is free entry.

Acoustic guitarist and singer Joe Seager is back again this Friday, this time he'll be performing at The Lowfield Inn, Marton.

Ever since he was inspired by The Beatles to pick up a guitar at age 12, Joe has had a passion for performing.

Describing himself as 'a one man band', Joe's set lists include an array of classic songs both old and new, with there being something for everyone. The gig starts at 8pm and is free entry.

Rounding off the weekend The Talbot, Welshpool will be playing host to another talented singer songwriter in Andy O'Brien on Sunday.

Hailing from Shrewsbury, Andy has



Steve Edwards will be on stage at The Royal Oak

supported such well known acts as The Happy Mondays, Razorlight and Ocean Colour Scene.

Armed with just his acoustic guitar, he plays a variety of covers by the likes of The Kings Of Leon, The Smiths and Johnny Cash.

The gig will be taking place in the beer garden, so hopefully you can enjoy the great weather we've been

having while you listen to some good music. The gig starts at 8pm and is free entry.

It's Open Mic over at The Golden Lion Hotel, Llanymynech on Monday night. So if you fancy yourself as a bit of a singer songwriter or just want spend your Monday enjoying some local music, make sure you head over.

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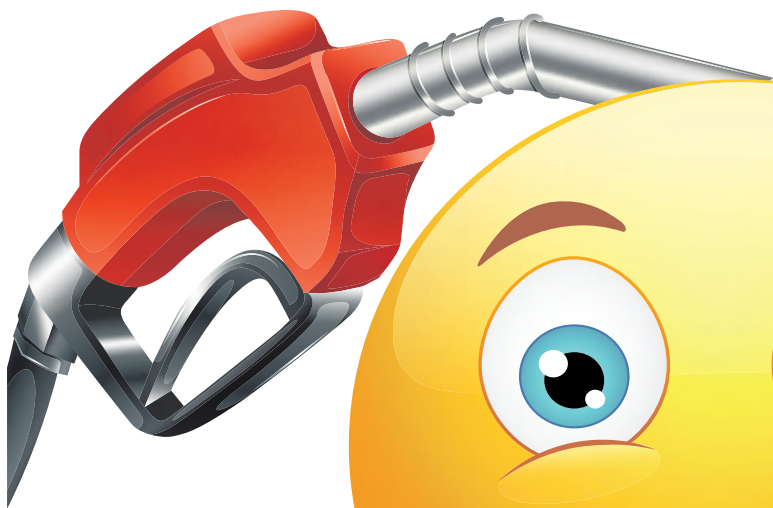
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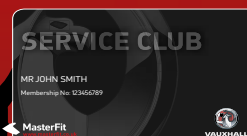
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Outlander: Going hybrid

By Graham Breeze

Could it be possible that there is a two-litre, four-wheel-drive vehicle out there that does 148mpg?

Well there is and it arrives in UK showrooms next month with the unveiling of Mitsubishi's Outlander Plug-In Hybrid (PHEV) – branded by the company as the best 4x4 SUV in the UK.

And it's the model which might just save the ailing company, with Mitsubishi having suffered more than most from a disastrous exchange rate.

Mitsubishi has thrown everything but the kitchen sink at this launch of a really practical vehicle which qualifies for the Government's £5,000 plug-in car grant.

The company is convinced the timing is right for the arrival of a vehicle emitting just 44g/km, meaning there is no road tax to pay.

And while only budgeting for UK sales of just 3,000 vehicles this year, Mitsubishi has the capacity to supply as many as 10,000 should sales really take off, and have the company car driver right at the top of their target list.

For the middle-manager, this Outlander is a no-brainer. While the Government's £5,000 grant is still available, it will easily be one of the cheapest models in the SUV sector with tax advantages equating to a massive pay rise for company car drivers.

What it all means is that with a benefit-in-kind rate of five per cent, a 40 per cent taxpayer will pay only £665 per year – a massive saving.

So how does it all work? There's all-electric operation for everyday use, which means almost silent motoring, and engine power for longer journeys, giving combined fuel figures of an amazing 148mpg.

Twin motors deliver power to the wheels, replacing the propeller shaft system, to provide better response and reduce friction loss.

There's a 32.5-mile range on electric power only, which exceeds the UK average of 25 miles.

The cost of plugging in at home is less than £1.50 per night.

A lot depends on the individual driver when calculating the cost per mile. After less than a day behind the wheel, I had soon worked out how to get the best out of the system.

Spacious

Mitsubishi makes a point of saying there has been no compromise from the rest of the range with this launch. It's still a spacious and well-equipped five-seater with only three per cent less boot space than other models in the Outlander range. And at 11seconds for 0-60mph, is better than the diesel version.

Careful development of the Outlander PHEV's architecture and safety equipment means the all-new vehicle achieves an impressive five-star Euro NCAP safety rating.

Super All Wheel Control is standard on all models along with seven SRS airbags and Reinforced Impact Safety Evolution safety body, so the Mitsubishi Outlander PHEV is fully equipped to protect occupants in the event of a collision.

The range topping GX4hs comes with the advanced e-assist safety system: Lane departure warning, forward collision miti-



gation and clever adaptive cruise control technology.

It also has an Acoustic Vehicle Alerting System, which produces an audible warning sound to alert pedestrians when in EV mode.

This can be heard whenever the vehicle is in motion, up to a speed of 22mph.

The range will start with a GX3h specification. This has the following key items: 18in alloy wheels, cruise control,

dual-zone climate control, air conditioning, privacy glass, electric folding/heating mirrors with indicators, leather steering wheel, steering wheel audio controls and Bluetooth.

The GX4h has: Sat-nav with HD seven-inch touchscreen, wide-beam headlights, heated front seats/power driver's seat, reversing camera, leather seats, DAB radio, electric sunroof and power tailgate.

The GX4hs has: Adaptive cruise con-

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Golf Mk I: The first series production Golf rolled off the assembly line in Wolfsburg on 29 March 1974. Where for decades the Beetle and thus rear-mounted engines and rear-wheel drive had dominated the scene, a new era had now dawned, that of the transversely mounted front engine and front-wheel drive.

Golf Mk II: As of August 1983, passengers no longer sat quite so close to each other, as use of space had been improved once more.

Converter

It was then on the Golf that the regulated catalytic converter was introduced (1984), anti-lock braking system (ABS, 1986) and power-steering to the lower medium class.

In 1986, syncro was introduced, opening up the option of all-wheel drive in the Golf class.

Golf Mk III: With the launch of the third generation Golf in August 1991, Volkswagen heralded a new era of safety. This Golf was the first of the series to have front airbags, starting in 1992, while major advances in the area of car body construction also resulted in significantly improved crash safety.

In addition, numerous other technolog-

ical milestones of the model range are linked to the third Golf.

Golf Mk IV: The Mk IV crystallised the clear, precise design that lived up to the history of the Volkswagen brand more than ever before while setting its course to the future. With the debut of Electronic Stability Control (in 1998), the car continued to democratise safety. Also in 1998, Volkswagen unveiled the first all-wheel-drive Golf with a Haldex clutch – the Golf 4MOTION.

One year later, ESC became a standard feature, initially in Germany.

Golf Mk V: In comfort as well as dynamic performance, the Golf Mk V scored in numerous areas, including: its new four-link rear suspension, seven-speed DSG, bi-xenon headlights, panoramic sliding sunroof, plus the world's first twincharger (in the 2006 TSI), combining turbo and supercharger.

In 2006, the Golf Plus made its debut and then 12 months later the CrossGolf, a new estate and the extremely fuel-efficient Golf BlueMotion (4.5 l/100 km or 62.8 mpg) arrived in the showrooms.

Golf Mk VI: In just four years, a further 2.85 million Golf cars had been produced by the end of July 2012, based on the sixth generation of the car launched in 2008. And once again safety made great advances too.

The car body was so rugged that it passed the EuroNCAP crash test with flying colours, gaining the maximum five stars. Meanwhile, more TSI engines and a transition among the turbodiesel engines (TDI) from unit injection to the common rail system resulted in greater dynamic performance and lower fuel consumption.

Golf Mk VII: On 4 September 2012, Volkswagen celebrated the world premiere



In 2006 Golf Plus made debut

of the seventh generation Golf. The weight of the new Golf was reduced by up to 100 kg, thereby reversing the often cited upward weight spiral. Fuel economy was also improved by up to 23 per cent. The new Golf TDI BlueMotion consumes only 3.2 l/100 km (88.3 mpg) (equivalent to 85 g/km of CO₂) under standard NEDC conditions.

In addition, Volkswagen has equipped the Golf with an entire armada of new assistance systems – some as options and others as standard. In 2014, Volkswagen electrified the compact class with the

all-electric e-Golf, which has a range of around 190 kilometres is already available to buy.

In addition, the new Golf GTE will be launched this autumn. Its plug-in hybrid drive system achieves a standard fuel consumption of 1.5 l/100 km; in all-electric mode, the Golf GTE can be driven for 50 kilometres.

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SPORT

Barton on the mark for clinical Guilsfield

DANNY BARTON was again spot on as Guilsfield ran out 3-1 winners at relegated Llanrhaeadr to maintain their push for a top-six finish in the Huws Gray Cymru Alliance.

The club's top scorer fired home a 16th minute penalty – his 17th league goal of the season – after defender Emyr Roberts was ruled to have fouled in the box. A second-half brace from substitute Ryan Jones sealed the win while resolute Llanrhaeadr pulled one back through Jack Edwards.

Guilsfield started on the front foot and took the game to their opponents with Chris Cathrall crashing his shot against the crossbar after a terrific run through the middle. And they went ahead from the penalty spot after Jack Harris was impeded in the area by Roberts and the evergreen Barton made no mistake from the spot.

The visitors had to regroup after central defender James Henderson was forced to withdraw with a knee injury midway though the first half. Andy Ford dropping back into defence and Ryan Jones, on loan from TNS, coming off the bench.

Save

Llanrhaeadr had their chances with visiting keeper Dave Littleford making a fine save in the final minute before half time to keep his side ahead at the break.

Guilsfield expected some pressure from the home side but it was the visitors who doubled their advantage in the 55th minute after Ryan Jones harried defender Tom Bailey to give the ball away on the byline and took his chance well to slot home into the right hand corner of the net.

Llan refused to give up and were rewarded with a headed goal from Jack Edwards from a Matthew Jones cross with 10 minutes remaining to give them hope. But Jones got his second goal and sealed the win in the last minute.

It proved a good week for Guilsfield who reached the last four of the Central Wales Cup with a 3-2 win at Penrhynoch. Barton scored a penalty while Jack Harris netted two.

Llanrhaeadr themselves will be out to end a tough season on a high with two home games, against Penycae last night (wed) and Llandudno on Saturday.

Young guns strike back

LLANYMYNECH Under-11s overturned an interval deficit to run out 6-2 winners against Frankwell with William Morris scoring twice.

Sam Green, Kyle Kynaston, Kieran Kynaston and Alfie Lloyd also found the net, while man of the match was George Lawrence.

The club's under-eights suffered a 5-3 loss to Shrewsbury Up and Comers following an excellent game in which both sides tried to pass the ball.

Billy Owen played well in goal in the first half, and then scored his first goal for the team when coming out in the second.

After a slow start, **OSWESTRY COLTS** hit back to defeat Gobowen youth 7-2 with Joe Norris scoring a hat-trick, while Corey Williams (2) Keenan Oakley and Callum Donnelly also found the net.



Wrexham's Richard Hayes is the first runner to cross the line in the Chirk Sprint

Record entry for tough triathlon test

SUPER-FIT athletes took to the water and the roads just over the Shropshire border for one of the first of the nation's top triathlon tests.

A total of 404 competitors signed up for the 17th Chirk Sprint Triathlon

yesterday and they had to be quick to even make the line-up.

Event organiser Kim Norman, of the Wrexham Triathlon Club, said: "Entry is online and that began on November 17 last year and we were full up within 80 minutes. That's a record for a start.

"We are usually about the first triathlon of the season in the north west region. Only Harlech

usually comes before us."

The three-pronged challenge in Chirk, about six miles from Oswestry, began with entrants taking to the town's leisure centre to complete a 400m swim.

They then saddled up for a 25km bike ride out to Bryn Ceiriog and back before abandoning their bikes for a 5km run.

Cheer

Kim said: "Everything went really well and everyone got back safe and sound.

"People turned out to cheer the competitors on in the transition stations and they helped to make it a really good atmosphere."

First home in the men's race was Chris Standidge of Torq Triathlon Club with a time of just 58 minutes and four seconds. Second was Andrew

Campbell of Wrexham Triathlon Club in one hour and 33 seconds while third was fellow Torq club member Hamish Shaw in one hour and 36 seconds.

The winner of the women's race was Bethan Hughes of the City of Chester Triathlon in a time of one hour, six minutes and 45 seconds.

Second was Samantha Howard of Mersey Tri with a time of one hour, eight minutes and 28 seconds and third was another City of Chester runner, Claire Sut-



Max Williams in action

Close finish in store for Spar title contenders

IT REMAINS neck and neck at the top after Llanfair United kept up the pressure in the Spar Mid Wales League division one title chase with a 3-0 success over Four Crosses at the Mount.

There was little between the sides for much of the first half, but United got their noses in front five minutes before the interval when Andrew Hughes latched onto Rob Bennett's through ball to break the deadlock.

James Davies then doubled the advantage after the break before Hughes bagged his second of the game five minutes from time with a thumping strike from outside the box that flew into the top corner of the net.

Victory means that Llanfair remain level on points with leaders Llandrindod Wells – who were 4-1 winners against Llywyr Brynnerug – but the Wellmen still have the advantage of a game in hand and a vastly superior goal difference.

Connor Bird and Richie Powell both scored twice to keep Llandod's noses in front at the top of the table.

At the other end of the table, **DYFFRYN BANW** kept alive their hopes of escaping the drop with a 1-0 home verdict against **LLANSANTFFRAID VILLAGE** thanks to a first half goal from Geraint Roberts.

Earlier in the week, **WELSHPOOL** secured a timely 3-0 home win over Dyffryn Banw but, lying fourth from bottom, they still have plenty of work ahead if they are to steer clear of the basement places.

Goals from Gaz Bromley and Tom Evans helped **MONTGOMERY** share a 2-2 draw at home to Aberystwyth University.

Second teamer Nathan Lang made his mark after stepping up to Aberystwyth

In division two, Abermule hit the goal trail as they swamped lowly hosts Newbridge 8-1 to consolidate their top five position.

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Hot-shot Steve Hole took his season's tally to 34 with a hat-trick as **WATERLOO ROVERS** reached the last four of the Spar League cup with a 5-2 home win over Carno.

BERRIEW also progressed to the semi-finals, but were made to fight all the way before seeing off division two high-flyers Rhosgoboch 3-1.

Ifton slump on the road

HAVING struggled on the road in recent times, Ifton suffered more travel woe when they slumped 12-2 at Castlefields in their first away assignment of the new season in the Flowit Shropshire Premier Bowls League.

After their opening night win, the St Martins side found themselves grounded at Fields who ran out convincing winners by 235 shots to 184. They returned with two winners, Leighton Roberts taking the most valuable player accolade with a 21-6 verdict, while Dave Bond won to 19.

Brian Hayes came close to a third success before being edged out 21-20, while Keiron Roberts and Andrew Hughes both lost to 18 and Craig Davies to 17.

Ifton bid to bounce back when they entertain Burway on Friday night. The south Shropshire side are

RUGBY

by John Bridgwater



SLACK defending proved costly as Oswestry ended their campaign in rugby's South Lancs and Cheshire Two on a disappointing note with a last-gasp 30-28 loss at Moore.

The Eagles were left bitterly disappointed to have conceded so many soft tries before being downed by a late penalty, and will need to step up their game for their Cheshire Shield final at Winnington Park.

They started well, pressing high into the hosts half from the off, and soon earned a penalty which Kev Evans converted for a lead they held for much of the game.

The visitors went further ahead when they worked their way into the home half with good carrying by the forwards, and man-of-the-match Nick Clay made the most of a gap around the fringes to accelerate through and score, with the conversion missed.

Oswestry continued to pressure, and a good move by the backs saw Luca Owen-youens burst through the defence to touch down, but the try was harshly disallowed for blocking.

This spurred the hosts into action, and poor defence by the visitors let the Moore team through to score an easy try, unconverted, leaving the Eagles 8-5 ahead at half time.

Kicks

Early in the second half, Evans added another six points through two penalty kicks, but Moore then scored another unconverted try straight from the kick off, unconverted, with the Eagles punished once more for poor defence.

However, Oswestry then worked their way back into the Moore half, with kicks by Evans gaining good territory, and a good driving maul from a lineout saw Chris Hesketh power over, aided by Tom Keaveney to increase the margin.

Again, the Eagles fell asleep under the kick off, and the hosts took advantage of this again to score another simple try, with very poor defence from the visitors. The hosts then gained a penalty to put them within one point but again the Eagles worked their way into the opposition half, and more terrific vision from the impressive Clay saw him burst through another gap to score with five minutes to go, converted by Evans.

This time, coach Gaz Barrett and captain Andy Smith implored the Eagles to keep their lead, but it was to no avail and terrible defending saw Moore cross once more, converted.

All the Eagles needed to do was keep the ball, but poor discipline gave Moore a penalty within kicking range at the

Penalty pain for Malpas as Oak Inn net final spot

OAK INN booked their ticket for the final of the Roche North Shropshire Sunday League Cup with a closely fought 2-1 passage against Malpas.

Todd Roberts opened the scoring with a cross-cum-shot from the right on 50 minutes. Malpas hit back when Calum Parry met a cross from the right to slam the ball home.

Malpas paid the price for Lee Parry's missed penalty when the Oak netted from the spot themselves through Shin Miah in the 80th minute.

The Oak will have to wait to find out who they will meet in the final, as the other semi final between **DUDESTON HEATH** and **ATHLETICO MARKET** was abandoned.

Market had been leading 1-0 after 24 minutes with a goal from Karl Bailey when the tie was called off when Duddleston's Wes Hickson suffered a serious leg injury.

THE KEYS, meanwhile, reached the final of the Consolation Cup for the second season running with a 4-1 victory over The Tavern. The Keys will play the winners of the other semi being played tonight (Thursday) between Lodge Inn and Duddleston Heath.

Fixtures: Thursday (8.15pm), Consolation Cup semi-final Lodge Inn v Duddleston Heath. Sunday, league: Duddleston Heath v Oak Inn, The Keys v Lodge Inn, Tavern v Malpas.

COBRA Youth edge out rivals on home turf



Rugby action from COBRA Youth's 13-10 win over Caernarfon. Ieuan Williams scored two tries. Pics: Lynne Owen



Welshpool hold firm at death

WELSHPOOL withstood a late fight-back to win a thrilling tussle 31-29 at Rhos to boost their fortunes in the Swalec League division three (north).

With both sides wanting to run the ball at every opportunity, it was nip and tuck throughout as they shared 10 tries in an exciting affair.

Pool led for most part but Rhos spurned a late conversion attempt to level matters, while the Wrexham hosts also squandered a golden chance for a winning touchdown moments later.

After trailing to an early try, Welshpool hit back with the first of two tries from Dylan Walton, who impressed at outside centre after his switch from fly half.

No8 Dylan Goodwin crossed for a second score, Rhos reduced the ar-

ears with a second try of their own but hooker Jamie Richards marked his 22nd birthday with a third touchdown for the Mid Wales visitors who led 17-10 at half time.

But Rhos again stayed within touching distance with a third score after the interval, before Walton gave the visitors some breathing space with his second try when launching an excellent mazy run to cross the line.

Again, Rhos came back before flanker Will Johns grabbed another try for Pool with five minutes remaining. With Daley Jones kicking three conversions, they led 31-24.

But the visitors had to endure a nervy last few minutes, with the home side grabbing a fifth try but they missed the chance to level mat-

ters when the conversion attempt struck the post in the wind.

Pool kicked off, but Rhos were immediately back on the attack as they broke upfield and looked poised to score with a two-man overlap only to pay the price for a forward pass with the try beckoning.

The Maesydre side picked up a bonus point for their efforts in an entertaining tussle, and can now go into Saturday's home clash with Powys rivals Llandudno in good heart.

COBRA, who had no game as they were staging the Swalec Plate semi-final which saw Clwb Rygbi Caerdydd defeat Llandudno 20-0, return to duty on Saturday when they host Denbigh in their last game of the season in the Swalec League division one (north).

Five-star Morda back in business

MORDA UNITED reignited their title ambitions in the Mercian Regional League premier division as they outclassed league leaders Oakengates 5-0 at Weston Road.

Striker Chris Bishop maintained his rich vein of form hitting a hat-trick for the second week in succession with further goals from Jack Hughes and Ian Heathcock confirming the home supremacy.

League leaders Oakengates started this game a commanding 12 points ahead of Morda who had two games in hand.

Athletic had the better of the play for the first 20 minutes until a quick throw-in from the alert Scott Graham found Hughes who had the ball in the net before the Gates defence had time to react.

Bishop doubled Morda's lead with a superb strike from over 30 yards out, and the in-form striker claimed his second shortly before the break when shooting home from the right.

After that, Morda took control of the second half with midfield powerhouse Sam Litchfield going close with a header before the mercurial Bishop pounced on uncertainty in the visiting defence to complete his hat trick on the hour. Shawn Melussi caused problems for the visiting defenders and created Morda's fifth goal by winning the ball before releasing Heathcock who found the net. The visitors used all three substitutes but found Morda superior in every department with keeper Tony Davies seldom stretched.

Oakengates remain favourites for the title but Morda, who have narrowed the gap to nine points with two games in hand, are waiting in the wings should the leaders slip up. A lot will depend on their form on their travels as Craig Rogers' side have a run of away fixtures starting on Saturday at Madeley Sports, followed by a journey to Church Stretton on Easter Monday.



Graeme Kirkham and Graham Dyke celebrate for FC Oswestry

Saints survive late scare to seal league title glory

by John Bridgwater

The New Saints 1 Airbus UK 1
THE New Saints survived a late scare to secure a third successive Welsh Premier crown – and a record eighth title in all – after clinching the point they needed against title rivals Airbus UK.

Although a far superior goal difference meant the Saints had the trophy firmly in their grasp even before kick off, the draw dispelled any doubts that the title would be remaining at Park Hall.

But second-placed Airbus ensured the champions had to battle all the way, with the sides drawing for the fourth time this season in the league.

In fact, the Wingmakers had chances late on to spoil TNS' title party after a controversial Tom Field penalty four minutes from time had cancelled out Mike Wilde's first half opener.

"We made hard work of it at the end, but we fully deserve the title as we have been the best team over the season," said Saints director of football Craig Harrison, whose side wrapped up the title with three games remaining.

"I don't know where the ref got that penalty from, but it's fantastic to win another title. It's now three titles in the last three years and eight all together, and you never get sick of it.

Credit

"The lads should take all the credit and our aim now is to win the double with the Welsh Cup next month, and then we've got Europe and the Champions League coming up when we will be striving to go further in the competition."

Saints got their noses in front courtesy of some slack defending on 32 minutes when a poor back pass from Ashley Williams put keeper James Coates under pressure from Matty Williams, and the loose ball fell to Wilde who neatly slotted in from the angle on the right.

Chris Seargent almost netted a second in spectacular fashion on the hour when curling a 25-yard effort against the top of the bar from the left.

Airbus were back on terms four minutes from time when keeper Harrison was harshly adjudged to have pulled back substitute Jason Oswell on the goal-line from a corner, and substitute Field coolly converted the resulting penalty.

Airbus finished the game strongly, with ex-TNS man Steve Abbott firing narrowly over from the edge of the box while Chris Budrys glanced a header wide with the goal beckoning.

But the Saints held on to ensure the title celebrations started for the third year running.

Golf Returns

MILE END
Sunday 9 Hole Social: A Eke, P Bailey, D Smith 44pts; A Ord, P Eke, B Jones 44pts.

Seniors April Medal Division 1: B Dando 81-13-68; R Rogers 82-13-68; R Pugh 82-13-69. **Division 2:** J Bradford 86-19-67; S Rogers 90-20-70; R Sambrook 95-21-74. **Division 3:** B Harding 88-24-64; T Owen 97-26-71; M Eastwood 100-23-77.

9 Hole Social: D Smith, L Walsh 38pts; D Bradbury, P Bailey 38pts. **April Medal Division 1:** G Wright 73-6-67; R Pugh 81-13-68; D Roberts 74-5-69. **Division 2:** T Parkes 85-19-66; D Newitt 87-19-68; G Manson 87-16-71. **Division 3:** B Power 90-22-68; J Stanfield 91-23-68; T Cartwright 97-27-70.

Ladies
Individual Stableford Division 1: R Lawrence 38pts c/b; C Rogers 38pts; 3 R Tattersall 35pts. **Division 2:** T Clark 41pts; G Owen 35pts; N Edwards 32. **Division 3:** E Morris 37pts c/b; S Roberts 37; K McLean-Ingilis 33pts.

Individual Stableford Division 1: M Evans 38pts c/b; R Tattersall 38pts; D Parker 34pts. **Division Two:** B Edwards 33; G Gill 32pts; W Rolfe 31pts. **Division 3:** P Witherspoon 39pts; R Hatton 35pts c/b; S Byars 35pts.

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Town march clear in top spot

TITLE hopefuls FC Oswestry Town retained their three-point lead at the top of the Mercian Regional League division one with a convincing 3-0 home win over Bishop's Castle.

After returning to the summit the previous weekend, boss Nick Maguire was hoping for another sterling performance to help maintain his side's quest for the title. And Town duly delivered to stay three points clear of Childs Ercall, but have played two more games than their chief rivals.

They had been on the back foot for the first 10 minutes last week ending with visiting Bishop's Castle forcing several fine saves from keeper Broc Daswon.

However, against the run of play, Town managed to go ahead when Graeme Kirkham passed the ball to striker Stefan Ivanov who ran across the box and fired goalwards, with a clever touch from Graham Dyke seeing the ball fly past the keeper.

This settled the Oswestry side and they took control of the game after doubling their lead when Dyke smashed home from 12 yards after some great wing work from Scott Bright.

The second half saw the visitors attack again for the first 10 minutes but defenders Rich Morris, Joe Evans, Kurt Smith and Rob Shone held firm.

Town regained some control

with efforts from Bright and Graeme Kirkham going close but the game was wrapped up when substitute and top scorer Ben Williams was sent clear by Bright and slipped the ball in to the bottom corner past the approaching keeper.

Town can take plenty of credit from showing grit and determination against tricky opponents with midfielders Oliver Jones and Tom Stedman giving their all for a terrific victory that keeps them top of the table.

But they will again have to be at their best on Saturday when they face another big test in their challenge with a trip to title rivals Wroxeter.

PLACINGS

Mercian Regional Football League

Shropshire Challenge Cup semi-finals: Rock Rovers 2, Weston Rhyn 3 AET; Telford Juniors 3, Claverley 0. Premier division: Bridgnorth Reserves 1, Madeley Sports 0; Church Stretton 1, Shifnal Utd 1; Morda Utd 5, Oakengates Athletic 0; Wellington Amateurs Reserves 0, Hodnet 0. First division: Childs Ercall 10, Cleve Hill 0; Hanwood Utd Reserves 5, Wroxeter Juniors 0. Second division: Oswestry Town 3, Bishops Castle town 0; Shawbury Utd Reserves 2, Brown Cleve 1; Wroxeter Rovers 2, Meole Brace 2. Division two, cup round two: AFC Brosely 4, Ludlow Town Colts 2 AET; Albrighton Juniors 0, Donnington Sports and Social 4; Denso 1, Market Drayton Tigers 12; Wrockwardine Wood 4, Spalgia Britannia 0.

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oakengates Alb	21	12	4	5	51	31	40
Kelley Bank Utd	22	11	4	7	34	37	37
Wht Alp Utd	23	9	5	5	41	38	34
FC Hodnet	23	10	6	7	33	29	36
Church Stretton	20	10	5	5	40	28	35
Telford Jms	22	9	5	6	49	36	33
Well'n Ans Res	22	9	6	7	40	37	33
Morda United	18	9	3	6	54	37	30
Madley Sports	21	7	3	11	33	38	24
B Meole Brace	23	5	1	17	38	52	16
Preses	24	7	3	14	37	68	24
Allscott	24	5	8	11	37	51	23
Shifnal Utd	97	19	6	4	30	30	22
Weston Rhyn	21	7	1	14	34	55	22

DIVISION 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oswestry Town	23	17	3	3	82	17	54
Childs Ercall	21	17	0	4	99	16	51
Wroxeter Rovers	19	14	4	1	83	22	46
Bishop's Castle	1	23	15	1	77	28	46
Hanwood Utd	20	12	2	2	58	22	38
Rock Rovers	18	11	3	4	66	32	36
Dawley Town	25	10	5	10	55	51	35
Oaken's Rings	22	9	3	10	40	52	30
Brown Cleve	21	9	2	10	62	46	29
Clee Hill	20	8	5	7	44	47	29
Oswestry Villa	22	6	4	12	48	62	22
Meole Brace	23	5	3	17	37	96	18
Sh'bury Utd Res	5	2	16	26	88	17	17
Wrock W Jms	25	2	5	18	32	103	17
Shrewsbury	25	2	2	22	29	155	7

DIVISION 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wrock Wood	25	21	2	2	118	35	62
AFC Brosely	21	19	2	2	143	20	56
AFC Wellington	25	18	1	6	138	52	55
Impact	22	15	3	4	104	40	48
Don'ton S & S	20	15	0	5	107	45	45
Mt D'yon Tgrs	23	13	1	9	94	50	40
Claverley	22	13	0	9	76	39	39
Ludlow TC	26	12	2	12	110	63	38
Highley MW	25	7	3	15	58	81	24
Albrighton Jms	24	6	1	16	63	62	22
Spalgia Bdt	24	6	2	16	38	106	20
OsVilla Res	24	5	2	17	27	83	17
S'bury Utd Res	20	2	8	14	23	85	6
Denso	25	0	1	24	23	81	1

Spar Mid Wales League

DIVISION 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
L'ndrind Wells	23	19	1	3	89	18	58
Llanfair Utd	24	18	4	2	65	23	58
Carno	22	16	3	3	54	26	51
Berriew	22	16	2	4	69	24	50
Aberaron	25	14	6	6	61	35	49
Waterloo	27	15	8	7	71	47	48
Llansantffraid	27	11	3	13	62	67	36
Aber Uni	26	9	3	14	56	63	30
Bow Street	25	8	4	13	45	71	28
Four Crosses	25	8	3	14	46	73	27
Montgomery	25	7	4	14	42	69	25
Welshpool	26	6	3	17	34	66	18
Twyryn Bryn	22	5	1	16	40	80	16
Dylfryn Barw	22	3	4	15	28	68	13
Bulth Wells	23	3	3	17	39	71	12

DIVISION 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rhosgogh	15	13	0	2	61	15	39
Knighiton	17	10	5	2	45	17	35
Hay St Marys	16	9	4	5	44	23	30
Machynlleth	14	9	2	3	37	28	29
Abermule	17	9	1	7	31	23	28
Prestelinge	16	5	4	7	31	46	19
Kerry	18	5	1	12	27	72	14
Talgarth	15	3	9	21	33	132	12
Bont	17	1	5	11	17	54	8
N'bridge-on-Wye	15	2	9	21	51	7	7

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Dominoes

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Black Lion A	24	14	4	6	87	32	32
Cross Foxes	24	11	8	5	87	61	30
Station	24	12	6	6	80	64	30
Port White Lion	24	10	8	6	75	69	28
Black Lion B	24	8	11	5	79	65	27
Bradford Arms	23	10	6	7	72	66	26
Plas Y Dinas	24	9	8	7	75	69	26
Horseshoe	24	9	7	8	75	69	25
Pemberton Inn	24	10	7	7	72	72	24
White Lion	24	5	12	7	71	73	22
Black Horse	24	3	10	11	61	83	16
Railway Tavern	24	3	7	14	57	83	13
Barley Mow	23	4	3	16	44	94	11

Davies is at the double

ASHLEY DAVIES scored twice as Llanfair Reserves closed in on the Montgomeryshire League Honda Division One title with a 5-0 win over neighbours Meifod. Ben Jones, Richie Evans and Aled Haynes also found the net to keep their side ahead of rival challengers Caersws Reserves.

In the second division, Churchstoke are also looking good for the title after their 7-2 win at Newtown Wanderers with James Drury firing a hat-trick.

Montgomery kept their flag flying in the Central Wales Cup after reaching the last eight with a 3-0 home passage against Aberystwyth University. Tom Evans and Gaz Bayley also on the break, but they were a quarter-finalists against Berriew.

Semi-final draw: Llanfair Utd in Guilsfield, Knighiton Town or Llandrindod Wells v Montgomery or Berriew.



The celebrations begin at full-time after The New Saints drew 1-1 with Airbus UK, at Oswestry's Park Hall, to clinch a record-breaking eighth Corbett Sports Welsh Premier League title. Pictures: Bob Greaves



The Welsh Premier League trophy is held aloft as The New Saints net the title for a third successive campaign



It's high fives all round after The New Saints bagged the point they needed to secure league title glory

Injured Evans strikes winner

AN INJURED Lee Evans propelled Weston Rhyn into the final of the Shropshire Challenge Cup as his fine strike clinched a gutsy 3-2 extra-time win over Rock Rovers.

Evans had been forced off with a dislocated elbow, but he returned to the pitch as his team had no more available substitutes.

And he made his mark by settling the semi-final tie by firing home after some excellent skill on the edge of the box.

In the final, Rhyn will now meet Telford Juniors.

The game will be played at Shrewsbury Town's New Meadow and is scheduled for Monday, April 28.

Matt Owen's men showed plenty of resolve to hit back from a one-goal deficit.

Paul Clark scored from a corner to level, before they went behind again to a debatable penalty.

Settled

After missing a spot-kick of their own, Rhyn hit back a second time through boss Matt Owen to take the tie into extra-time before Evans set-

tled it in fine style. Two days earlier, Rhyn saw off Clee Hill 2-1 in the last eight, after the Hillmen had been reinstated following the dismissal of Morda from the competition for fielding an ineligible player. George Turner got the opener, with Guy Guilford netting what proved the winner.

Buoyed by their cup success, Weston Rhyn now turn their thoughts to picking up much needed league points in Saturday's trip to Church Stretton as they bid to ease their basement concerns in the Mercian Regional League premier division.



Top men return to the crease

THE big guns are back this weekend as Oswestry's cricketers look for an improved showing against Wolverhampton as they bid to shape up for the coming Birmingham League division one season.

A weakened Morda Road side were shot down by nine wickets against Penkridge last week in the Graham Williamson Trophy, but they have a chance to redeem themselves in the Plate competition at home to Wolverhampton on Saturday (12.30).

Skipper Mark Robinson is back to lead a near full-strength team, while key all rounder Warrick Fynn makes his first appearance of the season and Dan Bowen, the Shropshire opening bowler formerly of Whitchurch and Shrewsbury, will make his debut.

Oswestry, last season's division two champions, got their campaign off to a disappointing start when a depleted side were bundled out for just 74 in 31.3 overs against division three champions Penkridge at Morda Road. Joe Carrasoo provided the only real resistance with a top score of 29 as Penkridge all-rounder Atiq Chishti picked up 4-14 before an undefeated 54 from Rana Hassan saw the visitors through.

Oswestry host Wolverhampton (who lost by 31 runs to Wombourne) in the Plate competition this Saturday.

Late blow for Guils

A LAST-gasp penalty denied Guilsfield in their midweek 1-1 home draw with Caersws – but the point at least guaranteed Matt Burton's side a top half of the table finish in the Cymru Alliance.

With the Guils playing some terrific football in the first period, they took the lead after just eight minutes.

A neatly taken goal by Jack Harris was the end produce from Kev Renshaw's cross.

Caersws rallied in the second half, but the hosts looked to have weathered the storm.

They were left stunned by a penalty decision against Renshaw, however, in the last minute.

Graham Evans duly converted from the spot.



Ex-Oswestry Olympian Adele Nicolls

Talented teen's Commonwealth target

ADELE NICOLL'S goal for this year is simple – qualify for the Commonwealth Games and represent her native Wales – and the Welshpool athlete believes she is well placed to realise a sporting dream, writes RYAN WALTERS.

The 16-year-old competes in the shot put and discus, with the former being the event she reached new heights in 2013 with an appearance at the World Youth Championships in the Ukraine.

An 11th-place finish there, coupled with a clean sweep of victories in the shot throughout the entire domestic season, marked a breakthrough that has the Birchfield Harrier on the cusp of a first major senior championship appearance.

To qualify former Oswestry Olympian

Nicoll is targeting to throw 15 metres – the 'B' standard – on two occasions and with encouraging signs in training that her personal best of 14.33m is under serious threat of being broken, she believes everything is going to plan.

"It would definitely be the biggest achievement to date to qualify for Glasgow and the biggest learning curve and experience," said the Walford and North Shropshire College pupil.

"To go out there as a 17-year-old Welsh athlete would be amazing and to wear that vest is something I have always wanted to do.

"Getting my first GB vest and going to the World Youth Championships was definitely the highlight of last year and I won all of the domestic championships and was undefeated

in the shot in my own age group.

"I learned a tremendous amount from the World Youth Championships as it was about me as an individual and you realise how important the relationship you have with your coach is.

"Everything changes at that level as the intensity increases due to the pressure on everyone. You have to deal with that and having to qualify for a final as well which was a new experience.

"I don't think I can throw the 'A' standard to qualify for Glasgow but if I get two 'B' standard throws of 15 metres with a 4kg shot then I can get there."

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Sluggish start is costly in opener

THE weather was perfect, but LLANRYMYNECH A were caught cold on the opening night of the Oswestry and District Bowls League after suffering a tight 6-4 loss at home to Flexsys A.

Having narrowly escaped relegation last season, Llany were hoping for a brighter start to division one but, after finishing 4-4, were edged out by just four shots (135-131).

Henry Pugh took the home coppers 21-5, while there were other wins for Paul Smith (21-10), Baz Kirkham (21-17) and Keith Bacon (21-19). Roger Candlin was pipped to 19 for the hosts who have lost a couple of key players this season.

CHURCH A also opened their campaign with a slender 7-3 loss at Johnstown A, with just seven shots (138-131) separating the sides.

Ade Humphreys (21-14) was the pick for Church.

CRIFTHS A, champions two years ago, opened with a comfortable 8-2 (165-110) home success over newly promoted Johnstown B. Gary Wilkie's 21-4 was the best of the night in the top flight.

WHITTINGTON A swept aside newcomers Cynwyd A 9-1, taking the aggregate by 31 (160-129). Skipper Aled Davies led from the front, 21-7.

Ceiriog Valley A were the night's biggest winners, chalking up a 10-0 (52 shots) whitewash against visiting Chirk A.

LLANRHAEDR A made a storming start to the second division as they swept aside Llangynog A 9-1 (164-95).

CHURCH B succumbed 7-3 at home to close rivals YE OLDE CROFTE A.

GEORGE opened with a convincing 8-2 (151-116) success at home to CRIFTHS B.

Fixtures for April 22
Division One: Chirk A v Llanymynech A, Church A v Ceiriog Valley A, Cynwyd A v Crifths A, Flexsys A v Johnstown A, Johnstown B v Corwen A, Ruabon A v Whittington A.
Division Two: Crifths B v Crifths C, Llangynog A v Church B, Overton A v Black Lion, Weston Rhyn A v Llanrhaeadr, Ye Old Crofte A v Llanglloell A.

Wednesday Division Two: Johnstown C v George.

SAINTS' SEASON IS NOT FINISHED YET

THE title may be won, but The New Saints chief Craig Harrison warned there will be no let-up in the coming weeks as the Welsh Premier champions look to sign off another triumphant campaign in style.

The Saints sealed a third straight title – and record eighth in all – after gaining the point they needed with last Saturday's 1-1 draw with chief rivals Airbus UK at Park Hall.

But they still have three league games remaining, starting with a tricky trip to Bangor City on Good Friday (2.30), and Harrison insists his players will remain on their mettle ahead of next month's Welsh Cup final with Aberystwyth Town at Wrexham's Racecourse.

"We've got three league games left, and the good thing is no-one is going to be complacent as they all want to be involved in the Welsh Cup final," said the club's director of football.

Chance

"In those three games, everyone is going to play a part and get a chance, and they'll want to do well and give us a selection headache for the final.

"It's a cup we really want to win, and if we can, it will be a fantastic finish to the season as we plan for another summer in the Champions League."

The Saints are close to full strength, although forward Alex Darlington is a long term absentee with a broken bone in his foot. Steve Evans and Scott Ruscoe are back in training, but are unlikely to figure until later in the year.

Harrison, meanwhile, praised the way his side handled the expectation

by John Bridgwater

levels after clinching a third successive Welsh Premier title.

Despite a nervy finish, in which the second placed Airbus levelled with a debatable penalty, the Saints did enough to pick up the point needed to seal the championship with three games remaining.

They have now won the league a record eighth time, and Harrison says the latest success shows how well his side have dealt with being the front runners all season.

"The biggest satisfaction for me this season is the way the players have handled the pressure with expectation levels so high after winning the league the two previous years," he said.

"With the resources we have, we are expected to be successful, which brings with it a lot of pressure.

"It means that we are there to be shot down, but we have coped with that pressure incredibly well.

"We have played 29 league games this season and lost just twice, and our last defeat at home was back on November 24, 2012, and that record speaks for itself.

Not only have we matched

expectation levels, but we have exceeded them."

He added: "Airbus have made it tough for us this season, we have drawn with them four times.

"But we're nine points clear of them, and that lead could be more at the end, so it shows we're worthy champions.

"It was a proud day for the club as we have made history by winning the title eight times, more than any other club."

Mike Wilde gave the newly crowned champions a 32nd-minute lead when slotting in a loose ball following a poor back pass from Ashley Williams, but Airbus levelled four minutes from time with a penalty from sub Tom Field after keeper Paul Harrison was ruled to have pulled back Jason Oswell on the goal line following a corner.

Craig Harrison added: "We made hard work of it at the end, but we fully deserve the title as we have shown to be the best team over the season."

After taking on Bangor City on Friday, the Saints face another testing afternoon trip to Rhyl on Easter Monday (3pm).



The New Saints celebrate winning the Welsh Premier League title. Pics: Bob Greaves



The champagne flies after TNS won a record breaking eighth Welsh Premier title

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